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# Stanley S. Hadden (1956-1991)

by John Mello  
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Stan Hadden, a nationally and internationally recognized figure in HIV/AIDS, gay and lesbian rights and family issues in California, died at his home in the town of Freeport on December 2. He had been battling Kaposi's Sarcoma and other complications of AIDS for the past year. He is survived by his parents, Louie and Shirley Hadden of Topinabee, Michigan, four brothers, one sister and his partner of seven years, Ken Topper, of Sacramento.

Hadden had been an Associate Consultant of the staff of Senate President Pro Tempore David Roberti (D-Hollywood) since 1981 where he distinguished himself as the outstanding liaison, advocate, innovator and achiever in policy development as the California Legislature struggled to respond to the AIDS epidemic. He won great respect for his total dedication, enormous output and high ethical standards. He served the gay and lesbian community unstintingly and stands as one of the preeminent activists of our time. He inspired countless friends and co-workers with his inextinguishable courage while continuing his activities in spite of his illness. His death comes at a time when the legislature is still hobbling from last year's catastrophic Proposition 140 limiting operating expenses and Senator Roberti may be scrambling to hold onto his leadership post subject to reapportionment tribulations in his district. The fate of the Senate Office of Community Affairs, created by Roberti at Hadden's urging, may be threatened.

Hadden was born October 7, 1956 in Washington, Michigan, 30 miles from Detroit and grew up on the family's 80-acre fruit farm. He was an animal lover who was active in 4-H and who remained devoted to them the rest of his life. As a teenager, his family moved to Topinabee, a town even smaller than his ultimate home, Freeport, and because the high school there was unaccredited, his dream of attending veterinary school came to naught. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where through personal endeavor, sincere dedication and a positive attitude he began immediately to excel in

all of his assigned responsibilities. These were qualities that were noted by inspectors, resulting in many performance awards, and which can be seen to amplify as Hadden later evolved into the political arena. "Due to his outstanding administrative knowledge, excellent military bearing and behavior and impeccable personal appearance, Sgt. Hadden was promoted to Senior Airman . . . and his room was selected as outstanding dormitory room during an annual facilities inspection," are a couple of the comments on the recommendation for the Air Force Commendation Medal he received, concluding "Sgt. Hadden is of a caliber much desired, but rarely seen in younger NCOs of today." This glowing evaluation was hard-won and a prophetic example of his ability to outmaneuver the opposition because he had been under investigation on three occasions during his four years of active duty for being suspected of homosexuality.

Having been discharged from Castle AFB, he immediately moved to Sacramento, where he went to work for Linda Birner's *Mom Guess What Newspaper*. During this time he had a five-year-long relationship with a man named Wayne he had met in the Air Force. His next lover was named Steve and their relationship also lasted several years. Hadden was quoted as saying this year that Steve had died of AIDS and he suspected Wayne had, too, but no further information was available.

He participated in a speaker's bureau on homosexuality and held a variety of jobs until he heard Senator Roberti needed staff who knew how to operate the new computers, where he went in at an entry-level clerical position. He sent memos to Roberti on issues that were important to him and began to attract even more attention. At some point he was promoted to Research Aide and was allowed to sponsor a Capitol workshop for forty members of the Gay Press Association on January 21, 1984, focusing on AB 1 (Agnos). This was the beginning of his unique role as an openly gay liaison on the staff of major public policy maker. When you consider California's importance nationally and its presence internationally, it's possible to grasp how influential the legislature's responses are. The

intersection of Hadden's brilliance and Roberti's authority have made possible an AIDS lawmaking response, in spite of administrative torpor and unforgivably inhumane opposition from Governor Deukmejian, that has become a model for the world. Although comparisons of value are tautological when confronting a holocaust (Hadden's files list 68 friends he lost to AIDS and it is not uncommon for people in San Francisco to have two or three memorial services to attend each week), the situation in this state had these two not been collaborating would be vastly more nightmarish to contemplate than the current bombardment we are under.

Another example of Roberti's good faith was that he permitted Hadden to bring his partner, Ken Topper, onto the staff of the Office of Community Affairs, something that would be unthinkable for a heterosexual married couple. This created yet another unique and favorable situation for effectiveness. As a team, Hadden and Topper have devoted their lives to their work.

In 1984, Roberti appointed Hadden to the State AIDS Advisory Committee (which sunsetted this year) and he later was appointed to the advisory committees of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Education. He was a member of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee AIDS Budget Task Force starting in 1985, the Sacramento Mayor's AIDS Task Force, the California AIDS Strategic Planning Commission, the Prison AIDS Resource Center, the University of California Davis Medical Center Community Advisory Board, the United Way Governmental Relations Committee, the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services, the California AIDS Leadership Committee, and was the founder and three-time president of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. He received many, many awards.

Some of the major issues he was instrumental in were the first AIDS mental health programs in the U.S., clinical drug trials, hospice, home health and attendant care, AIDS education programs, anonymous HIV test sites, minority outreach, pediatric AIDS components, benefit counseling, and he developed CARES (Center AIDS Research, Education and Services) to provide treatment and services with the support and coordination of the Sacramento hospitals for indigent clients who would otherwise go without. He constantly placed his emphasis on education and prevention and thought pilot projects were a mistake because they produced a study and ended rather than being ongoing. He broke down hurdles such as quarreling about epidemiological sources instead of concentrating on policy.



Photo by Pamela Coffey

Stan Hadden presenting the Stanley S. Hadden Community Leadership Award last year.

He battled legislation allowing insurance companies to test for HIV and the weakening of confidentiality. He was involved in nearly every piece of AIDS legislation that was introduced in the legislature. In 1988 alone, there were 150 AIDS bills.

What began as helping legislators draft responses to letters from constituents about AIDS grew into being in demand for as many as 120 speaking engagements a year. He went everywhere he was asked. He

was also deeply committed to the Democratic Party and still found the time to do many extra hours of campaign work. He put on workshops from the early days of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation right up to ACT-UP Golden Gate. He appeared on television town meetings, met with the Parliament

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# 'Shocking Gray' Up-Scale Marketing To America's Gays

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

Move over Neiman-Marcus. Watch out Williams-Sonoma. Shocking Gray is here, they're queer, and they emphatically want the country's millions of lesbians and gay men to go shopping - via the first-even mail-order catalog to target what they and others say is one of the most overlooked, up-scale markets with scads of disposable income since Madison Avenue discovered Yuppies.

Shocking Gray, a San Antonio, Texas, mail order firm has just sent out its first catalog featuring a collection of joie de vivre gifts, home accent items and personal-accessory articles, all aimed at and designed to appeal to the good gay life.

Heaven knows, buying something from the Shocking Gray catalog, even the raven black, post-modern birdbath (at \$350), won't turn straight men into gays. And you don't have to be a lesbian mom to want to get a "Chair-ee-o" squishable kid's chair. But Cindy Cesnalis, a Portland, Ore., native and the firm's chief of operations and one of its three principals, says the merchandise does appeal particularly to the sense of style of many lesbians and gay men.

"Gays and lesbians have always been attracted to unusual, high-quality and carefully made

things, even in our every-day lives, because we seem to always be at the cutting-edge of design," Cesnalis says. And that, she says, is true whether its pricey, incidental tableware like the geometric sterling and 22K gold leaf salt-and-pepper shakers (a Shocking Gray exclusive by metalsmith Pat Gavin at \$400) or hand-blown, cobalt-swirled "Vertigo" margarita glasses (a Mexico import at \$26.95 for a pair).

But much of the catalog also reflects a growing emphasis among many gays and lesbians on life in the nesting lane: home, committed relationships and a new-found sense of family. From angelic Christmas cards, to union rings for commemorating lesbian and gay domestic relationships, to a delightful, screen-printed cotton "Pocket Book" that helps kids learn how to button, lace, tie and buckle.

To complement this up-scale gay house beautiful merchandising, Shocking Gray determined it would not only feature gay and lesbian couples to show off its merchandise, but would also use fairly ordinary-appearing non-model models as well. The people in the catalog are really John and Jane Gay - the two men that live in the condo next door and the lesbian couple with the three cats and the baby in the house down the street.

Started by Cesnalis, her partner Michele Friesenhahn, who takes care of the marketing and design end of the business, and David Owen, who handles the firm's finances, Shocking Gray is the first mail-order business to specifically go after the Guppie (Gay Urban Professionals) market. With 50 years combined business and design experience between the three, they decided "now is the time."

The Chicago-based Overlooked Opinions, a gay market research firm, and a handful of other demographic studies of the nation's gay and lesbian community suggest they may well be right.

In fact, an Overlooked Opinions survey released earlier this year found that the average income for a gay male household is nearly \$56,000 per year - more than three times the national average - and that the average annual income for lesbians was also substantially greater than the general population. Even with a "lesbian baby boom," most gays still have more disposable income for luxury-ticket items like home decorations, travel, jewelry and the like than perhaps any other demographic segment in the country, the market researchers have found.

So why haven't the great captains of corporate America wised up and pitched their wares to this affluent, trend-setting dream market?

Lack of information, raw prejudice and fear says Jeff Vitale, president of Overlooked Opinions, who says there's actually very little known about the community - including the most basic question of how many gays and lesbians there actually are in America, with estimates ranging from as low as 3-4 million and as high as 25 million.

"That lack of hard statistical information can be a far greater stumbling block for advertisers more often than other issues," Vitale said. "It's very difficult to develop a marketing program for the gay and lesbian community when no one knows anything about that market."

But anti-gay bias is still widespread and even in companies where it isn't, many mainstream businesses are goosey about a backlash if they go after gay dollars, he says. "I think that that fear [of a backlash] is very real," he said. "We cannot deny that it is really out there and that fear is a powerful motivating factor."

Shocking Gray's Cesnalis agrees. In fact, when the firm was getting under way, one of its most serious stumbling blocks was a string of bank refusals to give the business a merchant's agreement that would allow them to process credit card orders. Without such credit-card arrangements, mail-order businesses are almost impossible to operate, but despite the three partners' own business backgrounds and the obvious quality of the company's catalog and merchandise, they were repeatedly turned down at bank after bank.

"We were informed 'off the record' that the real problem was the concept of the business - a mail-order business marketing to the gay and lesbian community," Cesnalis said. While they might have changed the catalog a bit here and there and gone after a more general, non-gay market, the three dug their heels in and decided that even an up-scale closet was still a closet.

Hiding their sexual orientation and the community they were aiming at, Cesnalis said, just wasn't an acceptable alternative for them. "At no point during the development of Shocking Gray have we ever hidden the fact, nor will we ever closet ourselves in the future."

With the help of an "angel" the company finally located a bank that gave them the all-important credit card agreement, they set up their toll-free telephone number, and sent out several hundred thousand copies of the stylish catalog. Most were sent the old-fashioned way - by direct mail. But lesbian/gay newspapers in Chicago, Miami, Philadelphia and Minneapolis were also targeted for catalog inserts to beef up the company's marketing in those cities.

And the response? "It's been a mad house," Cesnalis said in a telephone interview from San Antonio. Almost on cue, order takers kicked her out of their department where she had been working on the computer because they needed to deal with customer calls and she was in the way. COOs everywhere should have such troubles.

Now that the company has been formally launched and some of the wrinkles worked out, Cesnalis says they're already working on a mid-winter supplement to showcase new merchandise they've lined up since the first catalog was put together - and they'll be traveling around the country looking for additional items to fill out their inventory. And, yes, most of their merchandise - 95 percent of it Cesnalis says - is produced by lesbians and gays from around the country.

The name itself was chosen, Cesnalis said, because so much of the world always seems to describe anything to do with lesbians and gays as "shocking." But what she and her two partners wanted to do was "really so traditional, so pin-stripe and button-down" that "gray" seemed the natural word to balance it out.

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## Setbacks Require Work, Focus

by Marghe Covino  
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Sacramento, CA — Although I am seldom moved to venture out of the traditional reporter's role, a worrisome trend which deserves the studious attention of the gay and lesbian community throughout the state, and indeed the country has forced me into the role of commentator. Taken singly these events are serious but together they may forecast disaster unless we are able to understand the danger, focus on solutions and agree upon plans of action.

First, Governor Pete Wilson's veto of AB 101 created a major credibility problem for some of our most crucial political leadership. Bitterness and rancor over that disappointment and perceived betrayal will be hard to overcome and is especially dangerous in these times when unity of effort is so important.

The gutting of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing by not allowing damages to be assessed against offending employers and then the Governor's executive order removing all cases involving sexual orientation from that agency and dumping them into the Department of Labor (DOL) was an additional insult. More money is currently being spent to train DOL employees than it would have cost to implement AB 101 had it not been vetoed.

Second, the recent Appellate Court decision which held that a landlord, based on religious beliefs, was allowed to discriminate against an unmarried couple and could refuse to rent to them — in effect negated the provisions in the Unruh Act which was one of the alleged 'protections' the Governor claimed that gays and lesbians enjoy.

Third, and most recent, the backlash in the San Francisco mayoral race, exacerbated by the split in the gay and lesbian community — is a classic case of cutting off your nose to spite your face.

Fourth, we should not forget that the Christian Right fielded 90 candidates for various boards, councils and committees in San Diego and were able to place 60 of those candidates in office. Who knows how many other areas have been infiltrated by the same people with the same agenda? Be assured Orange County and Concord are not the only places — this entire state has been targeted for takeover and that is happening quietly and without much fight.

Fifth, Pat Robertson claims that he will control 38 of the 50 state

Republican Party Central Committees by the end of 1992.

Sixth, once again a federal court judge upheld the United States military's ban against gays and lesbians in the armed forces, which has happened a number of times in the past. However, in a 35 page ruling U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for the first time in such a ruling, cited the danger of exposure to AIDS as a factor in the decision. Lawyers had attempted unsuccessfully to disqualify Gasch after he had used the term "homo" in a hearing. Gasch later said he meant no offense in using the term. However, in his decision he said, "The power to protect the armed forces from venereal disease is ample to sustain the power to protect them from what is now known to be a fatal and incurable virus - the HIV. The interest we as a nation have in a healthy military cannot be underestimated." Gasch also said in his ruling, "The quite rational assumption in the Navy is that with no one present who has a homosexual orientation, men and women alike can undress, sleep, bathe and use the bathroom without fear or embarrassment that they are being viewed as sexual objects." Gasch made these statements despite the military policy which does HIV screening of all recruits before their acceptance in the armed forces and despite the military's overtly sexist policies toward women. Gasch's decision will be appealed.

Finally, although some political pundits are viewing the reapportionment debacle and subsequent reapportionment by the courts, as an opportunity for "centrist" politics — stating that the moderates in both parties will have a chance to bring order out of chaos in the legislature — there is grave danger for gay and lesbian issues ahead. In the state many good, solid hardworking members have been moved to marginal districts or have had their districts consolidated so they will be forced to run against former allies. A great number of the people affected are those who are strong on human rights and civil rights issues. In Sacramento, Democrats Phil Isenberg or Lloyd Connelly may be lost. Most San Francisco seats are marginal except for William Filante (R-San Francisco). Willie Brown and John Burton wound up sharing a district so one of them will have to move if they choose to seek reelection. On the peninsula three liberals share two districts with San Mateo's Ted Lempert in the same district as Jackie Speier of South San Fran-

cisco. If Lempert moves he'll still be facing another liberal, Palo Alto Assemblymember Byron Sher. In the Los Angeles area, AB 101 author Terry Friedman found himself sharing a district with fellow Democrat Burt Margolin. The court's reapportionment plan increases the districts in which Republican registration is over 40 percent from the current 33 to 42 districts thus allowing a possible Republican majority in the 80 member assembly.

In the Senate, President Pro Tem David Roberti (D-Los Angeles) was left without a district while Democrats Robert Presley of Riverside, Daniel Boatwright of Concord and Gary Hart of Santa Barbara are all now in heavily Republican districts. The danger continues to unfold. Legislators in marginal districts are less likely to take risks and vote on controversial issues. The Traditional Values Coalition can be counted upon to make any legislation affecting lesbians and gays - controversial.

There is no reason to believe that, given this upset, the Christian right wing of the Republican party will remain passive. This is a never-before-available major opportunity for them to capture seats in California's legislature. The candidacy of Barbara Alby and the public support given to her by the Sacramento Capital Christian Center's pastor Glen Cole is a case in point. Having already elected conservative homophobe David Knowles from Capital Christian Center, Alby's candidacy in the race against B.T. Collins was no accident. We cannot count on the intervention of the Governor, who urged the colorful veteran Collins to run for the Fifth District seat, in every assembly race in the state. The same kinds of purposeful candidacies will spring up around the state unless we watch what's happening in local races and closely question appointments on boards and commissions. We need to be seeking those seats ourselves and volunteering to serve on advisory boards and commissions as springboards to public office.

In Congress, Rep. Vic Fazio, (D-West Sacramento) a longtime

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## Stan Hadden, Passing of a Great Leader

Every time one of our effective leaders dies like Stan Hadden, Harvey Milk, or Tim Warford, you can bet our cynical enemies send up a cheer, mentally if not in fact gesturally. We must redouble our efforts to organize the gay and lesbian community in order to pick up the slack. Only in unified action can we turn our pain and outrage into constructive, coherent political action and continue the work of these figures. Our rights, still far from begin equal, are under siege around the country. We still have a hard row to hoe ahead of us.

The Romans tried to suppress the early Christians, whose rites were believed to lead to all sorts of vile practices and made the worshippers unworthy citizens. It's confounding to think that the charity, profound compassion and even transcendent love that has been found in the gay and lesbian community, even as it has borne the tragedies of the first decade of the AIDS epidemic, are under persecution from modern day Christians (in name only, having jettisoned the Beatitudes) who lobby for a return to some arbitrary traditional values just as the Romans tried to do. Our homophobic enemies have perverted Christian ethics to the point where they believe redemption must be achieved through coercion.

Stan Hadden was a role model for us of single-minded dedication to working the system. When the French Gerard d'Aboville rowed across the Pacific recently, capsizing his boat 38 times, he was asked, "When you were in danger, did you pray to God?" He replied, "No, my God was action. Whenever I felt I could not go farther, I just did something." One cannot help but think of Stan whose last year with AIDS was a heroic journey.

We dedicate this issue to the historic accomplishments of our friend, leader and humanitarian visionary. Some lines from Chapter 13 of the Tao Teh Ching (translated by John C.H. Wu) we offer with our deepest gratitude:

*Why should we "prize calamities as our own body"?*

*Because our body is the very source of our calamities.*

*If we have no body, what calamities can we have?*

*Hence, only he who is willing to give his body for the sake of the world is fit to be entrusted with the world.*

*Only he who can do it with love is worthy of being the steward of the world.*

—John Mello

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# Tragedy Averted by On-the-Spot Lesbian Action

by Dell Richards  
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On-the spot action averted a tragedy in Mazatlan, Mexico, when a woman on a lesbian cruise Thanksgiving week was badly injured using a jet ski.

Lesbians on Robin Tyler's Mexican Riviera cruise immediately began collecting money when Doralee Olsen, 34, of Santa Rosa, flipped the jet ski. The heavy-duty water toy tore up her face and battered the left half of her body as it landed on her.

"I felt so helpless, I had to do something," said Tracy Michaels, Robin Tyler's assistant. "I immediately started to plan ahead for what she would need."

A landscape gardener who coordinated the 12-step program on the cruise, Olsen had no health insurance or money for medical bills.

By the time Olsen made it to the hospital, nearly \$2,000 had been collected from lesbians who until that point had been spending a leisurely day at the El Cid Hotel beach.

The foresight paid off.

Before the local hospital would operate, it demanded up-front payment for plastic surgery.

An hour after an operation that required more than 50 stitches to her face, a still groggy Olsen was back on the ship, released to the care of a lesbian doctor vacationing on the cruise.

"The hospital doctor wanted to keep her overnight," said Merit Carnahan, medical coordinator for Tyler.

"But with the number of doctors and nurses on board, we felt

she would get better care on ship."

Olsen also did not want to be left behind at a less-than-modern hospital in a foreign land. Olsen said x-rays were taken with a friend holding the plates and a machine that looked like something out of a bad science fiction movie.

"I was bawling 'Don't leave me here, don't leave me in Mexico,'" said Olsen, who also had been the mystery date on the ship-board "The Dating Game" the night before.

With the help of the lesbian doctor and 40 medical volunteers, Olsen had round-the-clock treatment until she was out of the woods.

Although Tyler wanted credit for the fundraising to go to the many women who donated time and money, working behind-the-scenes is a major part of Tyler's life.

"Tyler is one of the few lesbians who have gone out and raised money for women," said Vivian Shapiro, Stonewall Community Foundation.

"Tyler raised \$20,000 in two days for the March on Washington—at a time when it really needed money.

"And that's just one of a dozen examples."

Political scholarships such as the recent one that sent the New York City Mayor's gay and lesbian liaison to "Stonewall in Moscow," let a number of activists join the seven-day trip.

The politicos pitched their group to the moneyed women on board—some of whom are so closeted the tour was the first lesbian event ever attended.

At least ten tickets for the cruise were donated to gay non-profits

nationwide.

Clarissa Carter, 36, of Dallas, won her ticket in a silent auction. Proceeds went to AIDS research in her home town.

"The ticket Robin donated not only let me go on this cruise but have the money benefit a worthwhile organization," said Carter.

Although Tyler shies away from publicity for the aspect of her life, she usually donates more than ten percent of her income to gay groups, her assistant said.

Tyler feels that women should give according to their ability without fanfare.

"The women who donate \$10 are the ones who make up the movement," said Tyler. "What I do is no different—and no better."

"Why should I take credit when other women give anonymously?"

In a sense, Tyler is right.

The \$10 donations on the cruise did add up. By the time the final tally was in, nearly \$9,000 had been raised for Olsen's continuing medical expenses. ▼



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ally of Barney Frank will have to run in an unsafe district. Through many years of hard work Fazio has moved to a powerful position in the congressional hierarchy but reapportionment may have changed that and we will have lost a powerful resource.

A number of other factors should be taken into consideration in this scenario. The downturn of the economy creating a conservative backlash. The cynical political climate which allows alleged Christians like Lou Sheldon to use African-American, Latino and Asian ministers and their congregations to gay bash on the steps of the state capitol while at the same time, he opposes the Civil Rights Bill. Our President repudiating the Civil Rights Bill and encouraging a dangerous, mean-spiritedness in white Americans—rulings which would discount race in the awarding of scholarships—the candidacy of David Duke and his campaign manager's threat that there will be "a thousand more like him springing up around this country"—there are a hundred signs and portents that are creating the kinds of circumstances which led to the rise of the Third Reich in the Germany of the 1930s. Indeed, even those of us who keep their passports current and think they'll be able to leave the country should the worst happen—need to look at what's going

on at the international level. The neo-Nazi movement in Germany has gone public and is again targeting Jews. It is inevitable that we will be added to their litany of undesirables. Never forget—the last time 6 millions Jews were killed and 2 million gays and lesbians also died in medical experiments and gas chambers.

We're being desensitized when places to confine people with HIV and people who "might contract it" are called "Cities of Compassion" as the euphemism when the concept is introduced in the legislature—instead of using the real words—Concentration Camps.

When allegedly liberal writers in liberal newspapers advocate tattoos for people with HIV—I wonder, what next? Branding irons? Nathaniel Hawthorne lives!

When Christian ministers, particularly Sacramento's Glen Cole advocating abstinence instead of safe sex education, publicly acknowledge that many teenage lives will be lost and state, as Cole did, "but that's the price we're going to have to pay for our promiscuity and lack of holding to the Ten Commandments."

When Rush Limbaugh is considered an "entertainer" and gets major exposure to brutalize gays, the poor, the homeless, women and whoever else he feels should not share the world with his bloated ego while the likes of Bernie Ward and Ken McPherson are relegated to 7 a.m. Sunday graveyard slots—we, and more dangerously, the average American are being desensitized to the erosion of civil rights, to meanness and ridicule and to the fast disappearing line denoting the separation of Church and State. ▼

## New Opera is First Rate

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were chilling as the gang members. Markus Stenz, the 26-year-old conductor who also led the world premiere, should have a great career ahead of him. The sets were nightmarish on a steeply raked black reflecting floor. Two massive blocks served as ships' hulls, warehouse walls, or projection screens and dominated the stage, dwarfing everyone. Garish neon ceiling lights harshly lit the gang's warehouse.

This was a disturbing complex opera which must be returned to many times for full understanding and appreciation. It certainly did not breed indifference. ▼

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# AIDS 'Faith Healer' Launches National Tour

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Few people would argue with religious leaders who offer prayers for or preach the power of positive thinking to those who have been stricken with AIDS, but a televangelist faith healer who blew into this city, one of the hardest hit in the epidemic, the day after Thanksgiving on the first leg of a national tour got a chilly reception - and it wasn't the weather.

AIDS experts here agreed that the pitch of little-known televangelist Benjamin Altschul, who arrived with a band of followers, runs real health risks for people suffering from the disease. With more than 126,000 deaths in this country already and a national average annual cost of \$70,000 per patient for medical treatment, physicians and AIDS workers agree that most people with AIDS can hardly afford to put their faith in divine intervention against the disease - or to put their money in the coffers of dubious ministers promising miracles.

Altschul is an obscure figure in the already crowded televangelist circuit, but that won't last long according to his followers who say God has already helped the Southern California minister cure everything from compressed disks to breast cancer. And now Altschul

says the Lord has him on an AIDS healing mission around the country beginning with San Francisco.

What does Altschul say those suffering from the disease can expect by coming to his four faith-healing conferences held at an upscale downtown hotel Nov. 30 and Dec. 1? "I have been many, many times in the presence of people who have been healed of an illness just as severe as AIDS, and that is what they should expect - to be healed - some instantaneously and some over a period of time," Altschul said.

Altschul, a one-time book salesman turned minister, heads up an organization named Great Among Nations Inc., described by critics as a Southern California religious cult. But Altschul is predicting scores of miracles at the weekend conferences and exudes confidence in the power of faith to heal - for those who plop down the \$150 fees for the four sessions.

"I would ask anyone to go and get a blood test the next morning to count their white blood cells and whatever is needed," he said before the weekend of faith healing got under way. "But most people know. They can feel it. They feel a strength going through them. They feel a transformation going through them."

The entire weekend proceedings will be videotaped by Great Among Nations' own TV video

crew, on the road with Altschul as part of the "national healing tour." No other cameras, however, will be allowed. In fact, the weekend conference itself is closed to members of the media unless they pay the full fees. And in addition to the ban on outside video cameras, still cameras, tape recorders, and even notebooks are forbidden inside while the conference is going on.

"I would like to be sure that we have a control over what is going to be filmed or recorded," Altschul said. And he says Great Among Nations is "doing a favor" to the people of San Francisco by holding the meetings here where there have been 7,987 deaths - one percent of San Francisco's population - from AIDS.

But AIDS professionals say it is "nothing but a hoax."

"I don't mind giving people hope," said Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). "But to give them false hope and to have that hope dashed very quickly when it's obvious that it is not going to work I think is nothing but a hoax - a cruel hoax - to play on people who are already suffering from a very, very terrible disease."

Altschul's next stops in the Great Among Nations' money-for-miracles road show will be Chicago and New York. ▼

## Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Seek PSA Volunteers

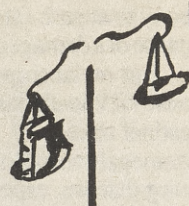
Families of gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals proclaiming their love for all their family members will appear in a ground breaking public service announcement currently in production.

Volunteers are needed to assist local P-FLAG chapters in placing the PSAs on local television stations nationwide.

Volunteer team members and team leaders need not have media experience--a willingness and desire to influence their local stations

to air the PSA are all that is required. Distribution of the PSA will begin in March, 1992, and may require a commitment of several weeks or even months in order to persuade some stations to air the spot.

Readers are invited to apply to serve on media teams by February 1. For information: PSA Director, Federation Parents FLAG, 1012 14th Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005. ▼



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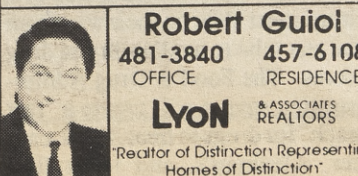
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## HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox  
OF MGW STAFF

### Large Attendance Projected For H2H Benefit . . .

Christmas takes on a special meaning this year as more and more Sacramentans want to do something special for people with AIDS in the community. Tom DesRosier's benefit on Sunday December 22, 4-7pm, at the Capitol Club (on the 25th floor of the Renaissance Building) is expected to draw a gala crowd. A formal-dress cocktail party, with entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, new friends and old friends; donations at the door \$5, \$50, or whatever amount you wish to donate for Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand clients. Call 971-9332 for information and invitations.

### Staying Alive . . .

Ten years ago we were losing nearly all people with AIDS to pneumocystis pneumonia. This is being treated now with bacrim and sepra (for that 40 percent or so of people with HIV who can tolerate a high-dose sulfa drug). It's also being treated with pentamidine for the whole body, with aerosolized pentamidine for the lungs, and with dapsone (a sulfone that is not a true sulfa drug), which can often be tolerated even by those allergic to sepra and bacrim. Pentamidine and dapsone are being used not only as treatments for pneumocystis, but as preventatives, and are usually begun at the 200 T-cell marker, even in people with no HIV symptoms. Additionally, dapsone appears to be a preventative for toxoplasmosis.

Up until a year or two ago, a diagnosis of MAC (mycobacterium avium complex, referred to until recently as MAI) was devastating to the immune system because the medications to treat it had severe side effects, and were effective against only some of the symptoms of this opportunistic infection. In the lungs, the disease is similar to tuberculosis, but gains in seriousness as it spreads to the bone marrow, liver, spleen, or intestinal tract. Within the past year the use of clarithromycin, available for about \$300 a month through the underground for the past several months, but recently cleared by the FDA (thus making it available by prescription), has controlled symptoms of this disease with few side effects and surprisingly positive results. It also seems to be an effective treatment for toxoplasmosis. On the horizon is yet another medication that appears even more promising: Azithromycin, also recently approved by the FDA (side effects apparently slight except for loose stools). Physicians are looking at taking only one pill a day of this new medication for control and reduction of MAC symptoms in the body, compared to about eight clarithromycin usually administered daily. (Reducing the number of medications your stomach and intestines need to assimilate can only be good! Taking the fewest pills possible to control infections seems to be the easiest on the body, compared to just a few years ago when many physicians encouraged people to take all they could tolerate.)

On the topic of intestines, since many medications need to be taken on an empty stomach, since many people are dealing with sometimes-severe diarrhea, and since many people take tests that include a complete flush of their lower intestines, take extra care of that intestinal lining. When directions

on medications say they're to be taken with food or on a full stomach, be sure to do this. Some people say they've found relief with an increased intake of yogurt, cheese, and acidophilus to possibly help replace intestinal flora (good bacteria) needed for digestion. Bear in mind that milk products can't be taken in excess or even tolerated by many people with HIV. Some individuals taking NAC--glutathione (n-acetyl cysteine) obtained from the health food store--feel that not only their intestinal lining, but their health in general seems to improve with this natural amino acid. Studies are continuing on this potentially promising treatment. It's not certain to what extent wasting syndrome might be connected to the inability of the body to absorb fats and nutrients because of a damaged intestinal lining. But malabsorption may be because HIV itself has attacked the intestinal tract.

CMV (cytomegalovirus) is another devastating disease, especially when it results in loss of sight (retinitis), that was difficult to control until recently. Within the past few years gancyclovir has come on the market, controlling many of CMV's vicious symptoms. Gancyclovir is taken intravenously and can often stop vision impairment if the disease is diagnosed early (meaning: get tested immediately if you have the slightest hint that your vision is changing; and during physicals, ask for a CMV test). Treatment for this needs to be begun as soon as possible for CMV retinitis. More recently, foscarnet has been approved by FDA. It's also administered once a day, intravenously. It seems to control herpes, and early reports suggested it might also have the ability to let people live longer. It's now thought that what actually might be taking place is that foscarnet can be taken with AZT, whereas gancyclovir cannot, and because of the AZT people can live longer. Some people say foscarnet makes them hungry and allows them to gain weight. But this drug is administered according to body weight, so if your weight increases, be sure you're getting the correct dosage of the drug to control the retinitis.

Some people with neuropathy (nerve damage caused by some drug therapies or by infections) say they're finding relief from a combination of B-complex and Co-Q-10-enzyme, available from the health food stores, taking larger dosages when symptoms are severe and one a day for control. There are no scientific studies, however, that support this treatment.

Fluconazol and Dyfluconazol have proven to be effective treatments as well as preventatives for yeast infections. Don't take Motrin for headaches or aches and pains if you take these drugs; use Tylenol.

There are now 88 AIDS medicines currently under study--up 42 percent from 1990. Of on-going programs, 34 are on anti-viral drugs, 12 on immunomodulators, 23 on anti-infection drugs, and 12 on cytokines (chemicals that influence bone formation). One third of the tests involve combining drugs, often in lower doses, to boost effectiveness while reducing side effects. For example, the latest studies on AZT, DDI and DDC are showing great results. Often people who experienced AZT side effects no longer have them when the drug is taken with DDI or DDC. It's now thought that DDI and DDC could both have neuropathy side effects, but it's expected that DDC will not affect the pancreas to the extent

that DDI might.

Many people are living long, healthy, and happy lives with well under 50 T-cells. We don't yet know *why*, but it's happening more and more often.

The Food and Drug Administration's approval process is changing with the times (thanks in no small part to ACT-UP who made them take notice). Drugs may soon be available much sooner by prescription, saving money for people who've been staying alive because of "underground" drugs.

We've come a long way, baby. Hang in there if you're fighting HIV disease or living with AIDS (it's a completely different ball game than ten years ago). There are not only treatments available, but medications to prevent or forestall the onset of many illnesses. But you can't stay well if you don't know your health status: get tested if you haven't yet!

### Volunteers Needed . . .

Speaking of the AIDS Foundation, which is moving to 920 20th Street on January 1, why not volunteer your time to one of the 500+ clients of the AIDS Foundation, or to one of the administrative programs that make life a little easier for our friends with advanced HIV disease. Whether you have one hour a month or six hours a week, there's a program for you! Ask the Foundation about its Phone Buddies program (where you keep in touch with a "buddy" that you never meet), its Hand-to-Hand project (where you're "matched" one on one to a client with specific needs), and other volunteer activities. Not only are they especially busy at the holiday season, but the number of clients is, unfortunately, expected to increase dramatically over the next year, so your time and dollars will be needed more than ever! A special call is going out from the Hand-to-Hand Project's diversity committee for people of color to "match" with a client. Call 448-2437 for info.

### It's Magic: Life-Saving Drugs Available At Last

Within days of Magic Johnson's announcement that he became positive with the HIV virus through heterosexual sex, Governor Wilson announced that California's drug program will expand to provide eleven additional medications to combat AIDS. The new drugs will be added in two phases--eight immediately (Bactrim, Daraprim, DDI, Sulfadiazine, Cleocin, Dapson, Cytovene and Mycostatin), and the other three by April 1, (Diflucan, Nizoral, Mycellex). It's expected this will double the number of Californians receiving AIDS drugs under State programs. This is wonderful news and a major step in the right direction, and the timing of Governor Wilson's expansion of the drug program is apparently only a coincidence. The delay, says state health director Dr. Molly Coye, was due to the fact that "state medical authorities had to set priorities for which drugs to cover and carefully estimate their costs in light of the state's dire financial condition."

### FDA To Approve Drugs Faster . . .

Federal drug regulators pledged to shorten the 10-year bureaucratic obstacle course that new drugs must clear on their way from the test tube to availability in drug stores. The Food & Drug Administration says it will create a "fast track" for drugs to treat AIDS, cancer, Alzheimer's, and other life-

threatening ailments--hastening them with an 11-step overhaul from ten years to five and a half years for most drugs, and seven years for others.

### Magic To Serve On AIDS Commission . . .

Magic Johnson has accepted President Bush's request that he join the National Commission on AIDS. He will be the only person on the 15-member Commission who is HIV-positive.

### One More Magic Story . . .

Basketball star Magic Johnson has begun taking AZT, say his physicians. As those familiar with the disease know, this is ordinarily given to people with 500 or fewer T-cells.

### Our President Says . . .

"Stop doing those things that bring AIDS upon you," declared the President. He also said he

would oppose any federal clean needle program or federal condom distribution program to stop the disease because he wants to stress that "behavior is important."

### You Can Trust Me, Your Honor . . .

A 27-year-old man with AIDS who knowingly passed the HIV virus to his most recent girlfriend was found guilty by an Oregon court. Instead of going to prison, however, he was told by the court he could remain free if he abstained from sex for the next five years. He told the judge he had "no problem" complying with this. Both the woman infected and his previous girlfriend say they fear he's infected numerous others because he frequents nightclubs and often made advances to other women, even in front of them. It will be up to the man's probation officer to make sure he keeps his promise of abstinence for the next five years.

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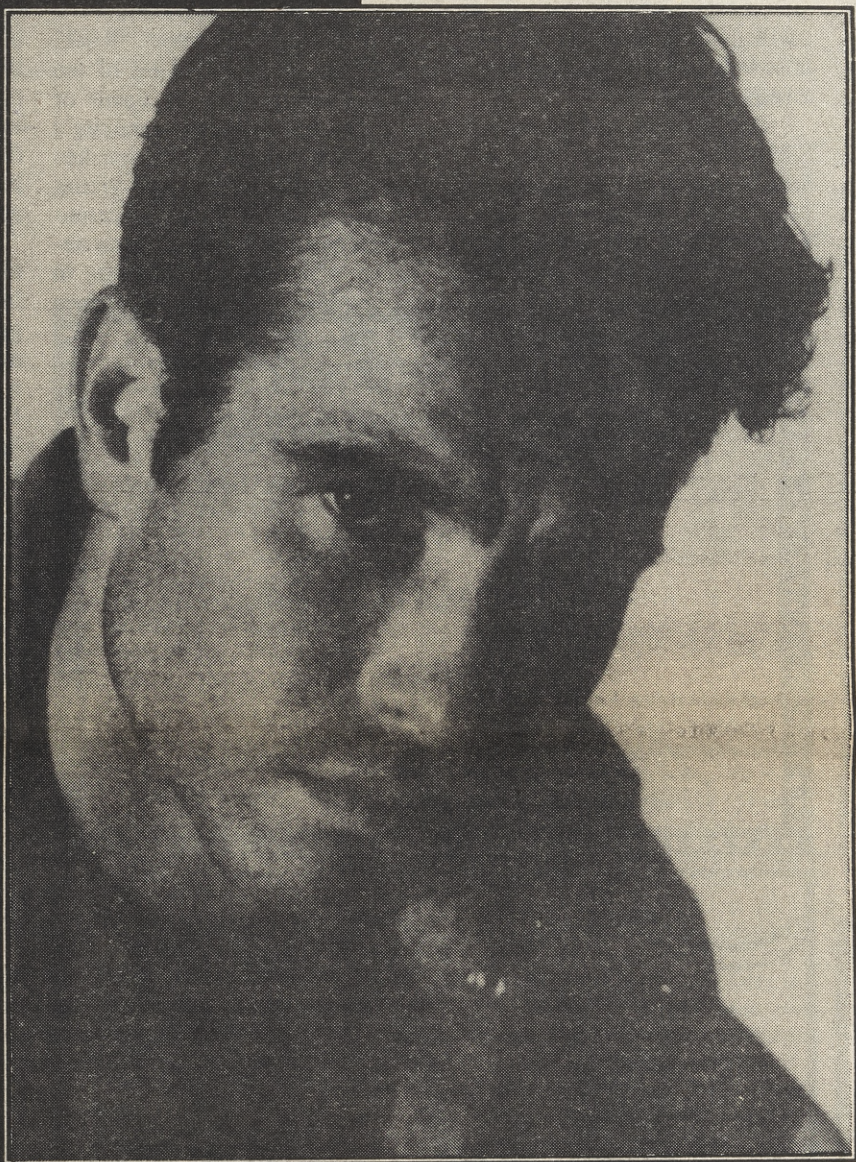
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## Stan's Memory Lives On

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of Canada annually, brought the photo exhibit "Faces of AIDS" by Jim Wigler to the Capitol which caused a sensation, and was relied upon very heavily by the State Assembly for direction and advice, which as the "maverick" house was willing to take on controversial issues. He was called on to do a dizzying variety of tasks.

His memos were voluminous and peppered with his dry wit. An early memo to Assembly members begins, "Most people don't have the option of flying to Paris to try an experimental drug," and on another one he signs himself "The AIDS Anarchist." He was famous for never showing anger, except for one outlet he allowed himself: every Friday when the *Bay Area Reporter* came out, he would send the obituaries with a stinging letter to Governor Deukmejian. According to Topper, he did this for years and never got a response.

Incredibly, Hadden was passionately wrapped up in the care and breeding of a large assortment of animals, which would occupy his free time if such a thing can be said to have existed. He and Topper separated because he was forced to relocate his chickens and pigeons from the city limits to the country. Ever involved in issues, he was Pigeon Ordinance Chairman of the Sacramento Roller Club. He was also active in the Sacramento Orchid Society.

Having tested positive for HIV in 1985, he enjoyed a very productive and rewarding career until he was diagnosed with KS in 1990. He had taken AZT and ddC, but could not get on the clinical trials for the drugs he needed for his cytomegalovirus infection until the symptoms became apparent, so was forced to seek underground buyer's clubs. He had fought very hard to make aerosolized pentamidine available, and had commented, "How ridiculous to go through what we had to do to get anti-viral drugs. It's like reliving the pentamidine era." In his last conversation with Senator Roberti, Hadden stressed the need to make more drugs available and treatment more accessible.

California now has a mini-FDA to expedite these drug trials.

In a 1991 lecture he gave at Stanford University, Hadden said, "In Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, within a matter of months the U.S. Government was able to house, feed and provide health care for half a million people in the middle of the desert. But here at home, the Federal Government continues to routinely deny these same basic necessities to people living with AIDS. The story of AIDS is filled with accounts of tragedy and suffering. Of anguish and alienation. Of families and friendships torn asunder. Of medical confusion and conflicts. Myths and prejudice that have scarred the lives of men, women and children. Blundered policies and delayed actions. But when history looks back at how AIDS affected the people of this country, it will also tell the remarkable story of how this disease brought people together."

A memorial will be held on Friday, January 10 at 2 pm in the Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 1112 26th Street, Sacramento, with a reception following. Please make any donations to the Stan Hadden

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## Last Lesbian Bar In San Francisco Closes

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — In this city that's been called America's "gay mecca" with conservative estimates of the city's lesbian/gay population at about one-quarter, changing lifestyles here are apparently bringing to a close San Francisco's last remaining lesbian bar here, Amelia's, on Saturday, Nov. 9.

A "Last Call at Amelia's" party Saturday ushers in an era in San Francisco when the city will, for the first time in at least 50 years, not have one women's bar.

Amelia's owner Rikki Streicher says the demise of the once-thriving bar is a result of changing lifestyles among the city's substantial lesbian population during the past decade. "It's a victim of the lesbian community becoming more diverse. There is an absence of a lesbian community in

the presence of a million lesbians," she says. "I guess there's no there here, now."

According to Streicher, lesbians over 30 aren't going to bars as much these days, partly because of the large numbers of women who have become involved in long-term committed relationship - many with children - and partly because growing concerns about alcohol and substance abuse among many lesbians.

She also points out that an increasing number of younger lesbians are opting to go out to a growing number of bars and clubs here that are more sexually mixed than others have been in the past - dance clubs like The Box and Colossus where Queer Nationals and other younger lesbian and gay male activists mingle as they have been able to in bars before.

Others say a contributing factor is the flight to the suburbs of increasing numbers of lesbians and gay men, priced out of the housing market in the city and disenchanted with urban living. A section of North Oakland and Berkeley, Calif., on the east side of the San Francisco Bay has been estimated by the Oakland Tribune to have the highest concentration of lesbians anywhere in the country.

During the past few years, some half-dozen women's bars here, some that have been in operation for decades, have closed as fewer and fewer lesbians elected to spend nights out with other women in the city's once-booming lesbian bars. ▼

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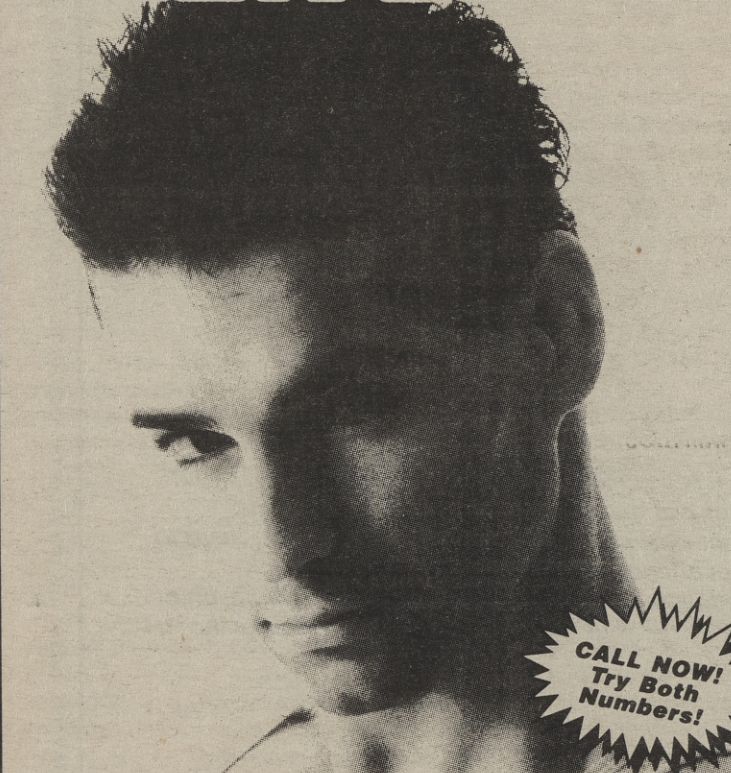
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## AIDS Warnings On Australian Airline Tickets

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

CANBERRA, Australia — With the growing threat of AIDS spreading through popular sex tours of several Southeast Asian nations, airline tickets in Australia will soon be printed with advice for passengers to "Travel Safe."

The "summer" vacation season, of course, begins in earnest in November in the Southern Hemisphere and the major airline carriers in Australia have agreed this season to imprint their tickets with the "Travel Safe" slogan in an effort to warn travelers of the danger of sexual transmission of HIV, the virus generally believed to cause AIDS.

Air travelers visiting Australia this vacation season also will be given government-sponsored pamphlets urging them to be cautious about possibly exposing themselves to HIV while visiting the country.

But the main thrust of the campaign is to convince Australian vacationers and business travelers going to countries in Southeast Asia - particularly Thailand, The Philippines and Indonesia - where sex industries abound and organized sex-tours are common. ▼

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# Stan Hadden 1956-1991

The following tributes were gathered from Stan's brother, his friends and his colleagues. We regret the many omissions due to constraints of time and space.

## Roberta Achtenberg San Francisco Board of Supervisors

"I first met Stan when I brought a family equity lawsuit for lesbians and gays against CSEA which was not pursued because CSEA came in on our side, and he was on the cutting edge of that issue. He was gracious and went out of his way to help. He was a lovely person and a real gentleman, and there are too few of them in activist positions. He had a very special position: he used his knowledge and access to help aspiring lesbian and gay politicians like myself. He was unfortunately a rarity. I own a personal debt of gratitude for every ounce of assistance he gave me over the past eight years. There are plenty of people around the state who have more effective advocacy at their disposal because of what he taught us as far as manipulating the system. This may sound crass, but Stan was very political."

## Patty Blomberg Development Director, Sacramento AIDS Foundation

"Stan was one of the first contacts when I came here as a public health consultant to put together a protocol. He sat me down and printed out a three-pound list of names and opened all the doors. The book that resulted, *HIV from A to Z*, is in its second printing and is in use in all of Northern California. Stan was a founding board member and three-time president of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. He worked hard to establish a regional force here and we have fought to live up to his expectations and keep things going. Everyone was inspired by his level of work. He was funny and very intelligent, hard-working and loyal. We became good friends—traveled together—always had fun—became neighbors. My daughter and I fed his chickens and then made him custard from their bright yellow egg yolks. He liked me even though I wasn't gay. I just got a call from the *New York Queers Newsletter* about Stan. He's right up there in the history of the AIDS movement with doctors and the clinicians. I loved him."

## Linda Birner Publisher, Mom Guess What Newspaper

"Stan made a difference. Stan worked for his cause. Stan changed humanity. Stan will be an important part of Sacramento gay history as well as affecting California and the nation. Stan came into my life in 1978 after he was in the service. He walked into the MGW newspaper offices and wanted to help us do everything!! He was our Calendar Editor (1980-1983), Associate Entertainment/Calendar Editor (1983-1986). He introduced the column 'All I Know' in 1983. He enjoyed writing theater reviews and started writing political pieces with Richard La Voie, our Political Editor. Between the two of them they devoured Charles Chips and popcorn!!"

Dear Linda:  
I ate most of your rubbery popcorn.  
I didn't mean to do it. When I first came in to work in Marty's office tonight I stopped here first to check on calendar items (10 points for dedication).  
I saw the popcorn, so I took a handful, went down the hall and got to work (10 more points for dedication).  
A little while later when I was kind

of bored and hungry, I remembered the popcorn, so I skipped down the hall and ate some more (25 points for being resourceful).  
Before you know it, I was making two or three trips an hour up and down the hall after popcorn. I realized that was a waste of time and energy, so I decided to take the popcorn with me (25 points for logical thinking).  
Not wanting to be too obvious, I stuffed the bag under my sweater and strolled back to Marty's office, trying to whistle a nonchalant tune. Have you ever tried to whistle with popcorn in your mouth? (Do I lose a point for being devious?)  
So there I sat typing with one hand and eating popcorn from the bag in my lap with the other. I wasn't getting much done, so I came up with a new idea (5 points for being creative here), pulled the plastic bag over my head and just started gulping away at the tasteless little lumps. After adjusting the bag a little bit, I could squint right through the two big "O"s in POPCORN to watch my screen, and work with both hands.  
Well, before you know it most of the popcorn was gone.  
I'll check around and see if I can find another bag of finest hybrid corn with coconut and/or palm oil, salt and artificial color tomorrow. I would like to replace what I ate. (25 points for realizing the error of my ways and promising restitution).  
I hope you were not saving it to stuff a pillow or anything.  
I'm sorry I ate all but the crumbs, because I'm still hungry! You wouldn't happen to have a Frank Fat's Banana Creme Pie stashed around here would you?  
Love, Stan [11-16-82]

In 1987 he left the paper to spend more time working with Senator Roberti and AIDS legislation. Stan and I also had all of our animals in common. We collected and traded avant-garde chickens. Some of Stan's chickens are in my backyard in 'Hadden Hilton.' Rosemary Metrailler, Pamela Coffey, Valerie Tibbett, Cindy Mariano, Dr. Janet Rogers, also share in having some of Stan's babies. We have lost a very special, special, precious friend. Stan, thank you for the Christmas present, the penguin bola you and Ken found in Laguna Beach. I love you."

## Harry Britt San Francisco Board of Supervisors

"Everyone liked Stan—he was the one individual who represented unity in the state. He was there for us through all the battles and he always pushed all of us to do the right thing. Stan Hadden was our guy in Sacramento. His death leaves a tremendous void. On Monday, December 9, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adjourned in his memory."

## Doug Brown former consultant, Senate Select Committee on Small Business Enterprises

"How could one man do so much, for so many, and yet so tirelessly? Stan was always so dedicated, so involved in so many projects... did he ever take time for himself? Yes, of course he did... out on 'the Farm' with all those chickens, the goat, the geese, the rabbits and pigeons! What an incredibly unique person this man was!... So full of humor and energy, so much caring and love. And when it came to his work, always perceptive, intelligent, articulate and politically astute... I first met Stan Hadden in 1984, when I was commuting from L.A. to Sacramento for a temporary job in state government. His name had been mentioned as someone I ought

to get to know, someone who was a 'mover' in the gay community. We had lunch at Pennisi's one sunny day that autumn. He acclaimed the virtues of life in Sacramento, especially the ease with which it was possible to make gay friends in the community, and urged me to relocate here. He also invited me to a Pillars gathering that weekend to meet, as he put it, 'some of the really nice folks in this town.' Some months later, I found myself finally residing here, and involved in Pillars and in a Men's Support Group and RCDC and making lots of new friends. How much longer it would have taken me to start my life in Sacramento without Stan's encouragement and support. But it was this generous, caring quality in Stan that made him a mentor to so many people in our community. There was nothing more important to him than making sure his gay brothers and lesbian sisters found their way. As I got to know Stan better, my admiration for him grew tremendously. I was amazed at the strength and vigor with which he approached his work. He took on the challenge that AIDS was a real crisis as if it were a moral crusade. And it was. He undoubtedly recognized that before the rest of us, and he led the way. But given all his legislative and political accomplishments which are now his legacy, I think I will remember Stan Hadden most because he showed me that being gay, being truthful and open, and that never feeling you have to apologize for being who you are, is truly a gift of love. I know that his memory will inspire me in the years to come in ways I cannot yet imagine... and I know that I will miss him always."

## Tom Burns CAPPAC

"In looking back over my ten years of knowing Stan I am at a real loss of finding how to summarize my comments and feelings into one or two paragraphs. Words like great, leader, friend, persistent,

companion, loyal, compassionate, dedicated, tireless—all come to mind, but as a person who oftentimes heard comments about Stan from not only his friends, but also his detractors, I think the word I find most fitting to describe him is a simple two-letter word: OK. Stan made it OK. He was easy to know. Even if you did not agree with him it was OK. Stan made it OK to be gay. For many people being gay was and is hard. He was OK about being gay. He knew what he was and it was OK to be different from him. Stan made it OK to talk about discrimination against the gay community. He made it OK to talk about AB 1 the first time it came to the Senate. He made it OK for the Senate to pass AB 1. His efforts made it OK in the Senate to face the issue of discrimination. Stan made it OK to talk about AIDS. Long before he was even diagnosed it was OK to talk about AIDS, to talk about funding for AIDS, to talk about a statewide AIDS task force, to talk about the push for job protection for people with AIDS. Stan made it OK to have AIDS. He never shirked from it. It was OK to talk about it with him. It was OK to ask him questions. It was OK to just be with him. It is going to be hard to replace Stan. As a person who both worked with and against him on various issues, I will miss him. I am not sure there will be another person for whom OK will be as easy. Stan, it is OK. Good-bye and God bless."

## Lou Camera Director of Student Activities, CSUS

"For me, Stan Hadden is and always will be a mentor. While his physical presence is no longer with us, Stan remains implanted in my thoughts and often in my activities. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Stan on a number of projects during my five years in Sacramento. Whether it was through the River City Democratic Club (which he helped

create) or the California Capital Political Action Committee as participant and later production team member with *The Experience*, or through his assistance with our campus AIDS Advisory Committee, Stan was always a role model and educator. What I think I will remember most is Stan's playfulness and positive outlook no matter what the situation. Stan was always happy with himself. From that happiness sprang an aura of openness and energy fueled with love. Stan embodied the lesson gleaned from *The Experience*: that there is good in everyone, everyone has worth, and everyone is special in his own way. There is always an opportunity to get to know someone; all we have to do is to listen and to remain open in our thoughts and hearts. I will also remember Stan's smile, his great sense of humor, and his commitment to follow through on decisions. If each of us were willing to give so consistently of ourselves, like Stan, and still not lose sight of the need to take care of the emotional self, the gay and lesbian community would achieve success never imagined. The loss of Stan Hadden to our community and the state is great, but it need not be devastating if we each put into effect what Stan taught us. This will be Stan's living legacy. Just as the tree planted for the Capitol grounds will grow stronger each year, so will our community if we embody his spirit and commitment to others and ourselves."

## Dr. Marcus Conant Co-Chair, California AIDS Leadership

"Stan is going to be terribly missed. He was the one who coordinated what was happening in Sacramento for us. We met at least once a week for several years. What are we going to do without Stan? He showed incredible courage even in the face of his own disease. KS is easily seen, but that didn't deter him from functioning right up until the point that it

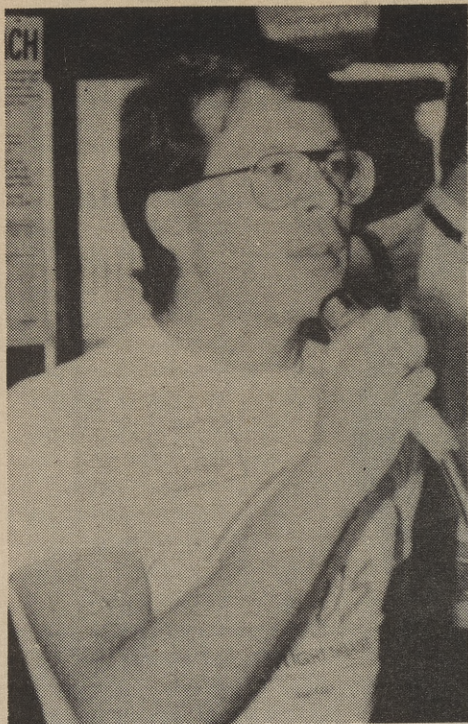


Stanley S. Hadden

Photo by Pamela Coffey



# Tributes to Stan



AIDS Bowlathon several years ago.

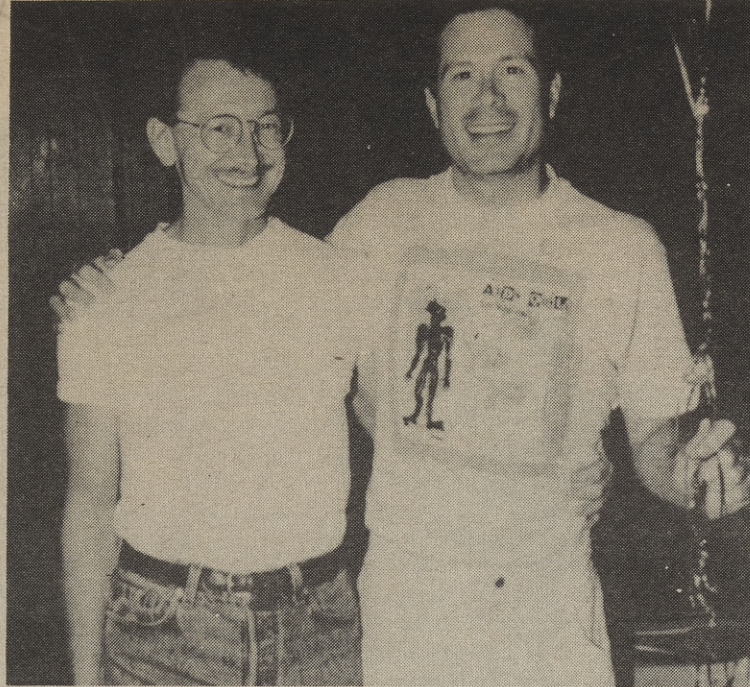


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1990 AIDS Bowlathon with Dr. Neil Flynn.



Patrick Gaffney, Dr. Sandy Pomerantz, Stan Hadden, Lee Nichols and Greg Dreamhouse in 1985.

## In Tribute

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rendered him unable to work. That is an amazing strength few of us have—clearly an inspiration. The feeling is that what is lost is people who are incredibly gifted. There are only so many Shakespeares, so many Miltons, so many Lincolns. We can't just allow people to be discarded like driftwood. We are losing the best of the best, our geniuses. With 125,000 dead so far in this country, that's three times the fatalities of the Viet Nam War. Stan is a terrible loss."

### Margarita Contreras former consultant, Senate Office of Community Affairs

"I learned a lot from Stan about how to stay focused and not let side issues distract, how to stay committed to issues even in the face of adversity and part of this is by trying to ignore destructive points of view which let anger cloud one's direction. I always felt this connection with Stan because, way back when, we were underdogs as junior Roberti staffers. One Secretary's Day we were taken to a nice lunch at the Firehouse and when it was time for coffee we were short of cups, so Stan and I shared one. People got uncomfortable because Stan had revealed his HIV status and there was a lot of fear and confusion about contagion at that time. I could feel it at the table. In some ways I had a crush on him, not romantically, but in terms of admiration and caring. I'm a grown woman and married and all that, but when he patted me on the butt once to illustrate some point he was making, I caught myself blushing. I'm really going to miss the gossip and collaboration with Stan. I really enjoyed plotting politically to attack conservatives and then neutralizing their forces. The issue that we coalesced most on was family diversity; finding policy approaches to binding people together and respecting everybody that wanted to be considered a family, such as same-sex couples or a grandparent raising grandchildren. A surprising amount of resistance came from the Democrats on the Joint Select Task Force on the Changing Family about recognizing gays and lesbians. They wanted to completely write that population out of the script because they didn't want to take heat from the religious Right. It wasn't personal, they just wanted a make-you-feel-good report. We used Stan's gay and lesbian contacts to make the report inclusive and Tom Coleman successfully got them in there. When Ken was on vacation during

interim, Stan and I used to have coffee and read the newspapers out loud to each other every morning before work. When we had our last office Christmas party, we didn't have decorations so we drew pictures with crayons on butcher paper, strung up all the Christmas cards and had fun singing. That was a sweet thing. I will always remember him at Christmas. I learned about courage from him. He told me about a rotten day he had at the hospital when they were trying to save his life. He said, "So what... I'm ready to go... to let go." I felt so touched that one of the things he did six days before he died was to give me four opals and an old gold ring to melt down and design a ring for him. It was his way of saying they were mine. That night I put them in my nightgown pocket so I could go to sleep. The sadness comes into my heart and I can hold them in my hand to feel close to him."

### Kathryn Duke former consultant to the Senate Select Committee on AIDS

"I was introduced to Stan working on AIDS education—I can't remember exactly, but it's illustrative that our first meeting didn't knock my socks off. It's just that he was always there when people needed him for help, information and advice. Some of the staff of the Senate Office of Research nicknamed him "The Boy Who Can't Say No." Even beyond working on issues, he would send out FYI memos. He had a cc list that boggled the mind, a Who's Who in AIDS issues. He knew the latest, updated everyone, offered assistance and reminded people he was available. The Select Committee's very first official action was a visit to Vacaville Medical Facility, a prison, where our focus was to look at broad policy issues like education and segregation in the HIV+ ward. Stan's focus was as a caseworker. He had been corresponding with individual inmates who needed help and he was concerned with doing something personally. This reflected his impact in microcosm: he had an amazing amount of time and energy for helping people with particular issues as well as looking at larger public policy implications of those issues. He had absolutely no ego or ownership on issues in spite of being one of the early people of prominence in AIDS. There was none of that "what are you doing on my issue" turf attitude. He was staff to everyone, unlike my experience with other legislative staff people. It was so touching and refreshing. He couldn't have been more immediately positive. Stan created that role for himself. Hopefully as more

and more people in positions of power become touched by AIDS they will create more positions like his. Senator Hart was very moved and very sad the day after Stan died because he had been very touched by his work. Stan is one of the most special memories I take with me from my years of working for the legislature."

### Dr. Bill Filante Assemblyman, 9th District

"Stan was my friend. He was a man of compassion, sensitivity, energy, strength and commitment. He was committed to bettering our lives and the lives of our children. Stan had a vision. A vision of a world without discrimination, a world without hate, a world without people dying every day from AIDS. Stan lived that vision every day of the week. I worked closely with him, serving with him from the very beginning of the Governor's AIDS Advisory Committee. His insight, leadership and caring was invaluable in setting community priorities, forging legislative direction and getting maximum public and private funding. Stan was my friend. Stan was and is an inspiration. I shall miss him."

### Don Francis Centers for Disease Control Regional AIDS Consultant

"Stan is such a unique person; he was one of those people, of just a handful of people, that you wish you had next to you the rest of your life. He had decency, astuteness and he saw the world clearly. He had very little of the inappropriate anger that we see now surrounding the AIDS crisis. He had an incredible technical ability to tackle hundreds of things. He was a kind of focus, a hub of a wheel, that kept us together. What he did for society in California, although obstructed by Deukmejian, was to keep AIDS' program design and response moving. It was the legislature that led the state by forcing the administration to serve the people who needed the services. We started from nothing to a budget of \$170,000,000. Stan was a golden person, really, for his understanding. If civilization is evolving, and I'm not sure we are right now, Stan was in that next generation of civility. If we thought about how we would like to evolve, we would like it to be like Stan. He was a symbol of quality, goodness and wisdom. It's easy to point out the problems; the ability to get along is the greatest challenge. I was so glad that he received the reception in his honor while he was alive to enjoy it."

### Patrick Hadden Florist, Lansing MI, Stan's Brother

"Stan was an animal lover. When we were young, riding trail bikes once, a squirrel ran in front of him and he swerved into a fallen tree to miss hitting it. He broke his collar bone. Stan came out after leaving the military—I think he had been in trouble three times in 3-4 years there. I had these feelings myself, but never admitted it. I told him I 'had a friend' who was gay. After that, it was great—we had lots of talks and he helped me tremendously. It was very smooth for me. I feel sorry for people who don't have someone to look up to. He really wanted to get the whole family together for the first time in 17 years and we all made it the Saturday before he died. We were so afraid we weren't going to be there in time because he had gone downhill suddenly. When we arrived, my sister met us outside and said to hurry because she didn't think he would make it much longer. But he got up out of the bed, walked into the living room and sat on the couch chatting with us for two to three hours of coherent conversation. He summoned incredible energy to pull up out of that situation. Then he went back to bed and for 17 hours he fought, calling for each one of us to come in. Everybody was very tearful. We thought he was going to go on the 1st of December, World AIDS Day; it's just like him to do that. I experienced so much love here at his work—it was overwhelming this time around. I would like to see his work continue. Ken has my full support. I want to get more involved in politics in Lansing. One person can make a difference. I want to follow in Stan's footsteps. I am extremely proud of him."

### Mark Hoffman Sports Leisure Travel

"I feel very privileged to have met Stan. He was a truly remarkable person. It's a tragedy when someone that age dies, but the biggest tragedy is that he did as many wonderful things as any person has ever been able to accomplish but won't be around to see them reach fulfillment. Ken Topper and the rest of us are the ones who have to make sure his legacy is an active one. That is my pledge to Stan. Even though there are gay people who will never meet

Stan, he gave us an opportunity to know that our community does have heroes and that we are moving forward. My life is better because of him. The people at his reception in May were mind boggling. He gave such an eloquent introduction at the last RCDC awards dinner in spite of barely being able to get through the evening. It gives you a growth experience of why people join ACT-UP and what drives them to do what they do when you watch people die of AIDS. I went to visit him that last Saturday. It was terribly important to be able to see him. He was really hanging on and Ken did everything he could to keep him going mentally until his family arrived. It was funny sitting on his bed when he was really struggling; I asked him for some advice and he still gave it. He squeezed every bit out of the sponge of life and then went back and got a few more drops for a friend."

### Larry Hoover Labor Relations and Personnel Services Manager, University of California, Davis

"Ten years ago, Stan walked through the door of the K Street (Faces) dining room and into my life. He had come to attend the initial meeting of Pillars. He was inquisitive, informed, warm and comfortable with his gayness. From that meeting, a distant yet close friendship evolved. Over the years as he grew increasingly influential and active in our community, he never assumed airs, never became pretentious. He did, however, become increasingly interested in the growing problem of AIDS and its impact on life. His interest led him to become a leading expert on legislation about AIDS; this expertise earned him the respect of both gay and straight alike."

My last two memories of him were last April and about two weeks ago. Last April he came to speak as a panel member on a discussion about mandatory "AIDS testing" for health care workers. When he walked through the conference room door, he was thin and had on heavy makeup, still the K.S. could be seen. As always, his presentation was informed, rapid fire and energetic. He was living with AIDS and doing well. Shortly before Thanksgiving, I visited Stan at his home. I'd come to pick up the last of his rabbits and find homes for them. Visiting Stan at



# Stan Hadden

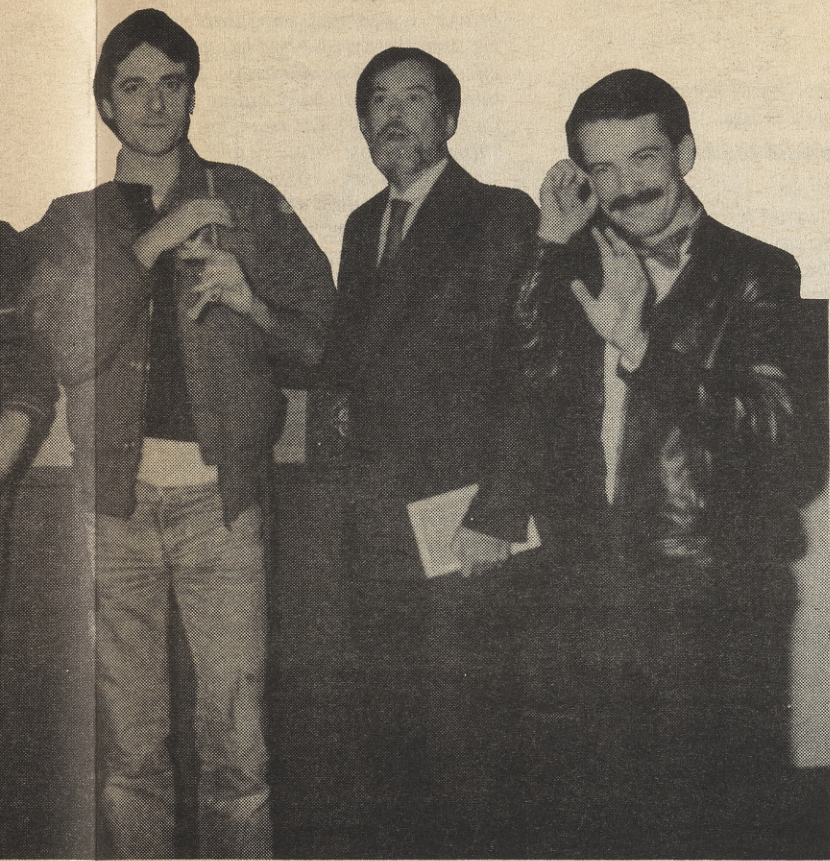


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Nichols and Greg Gorges at Stuart Duckworth's play



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Senator Art Torres presenting a resolution to Stan from the California State Senate.

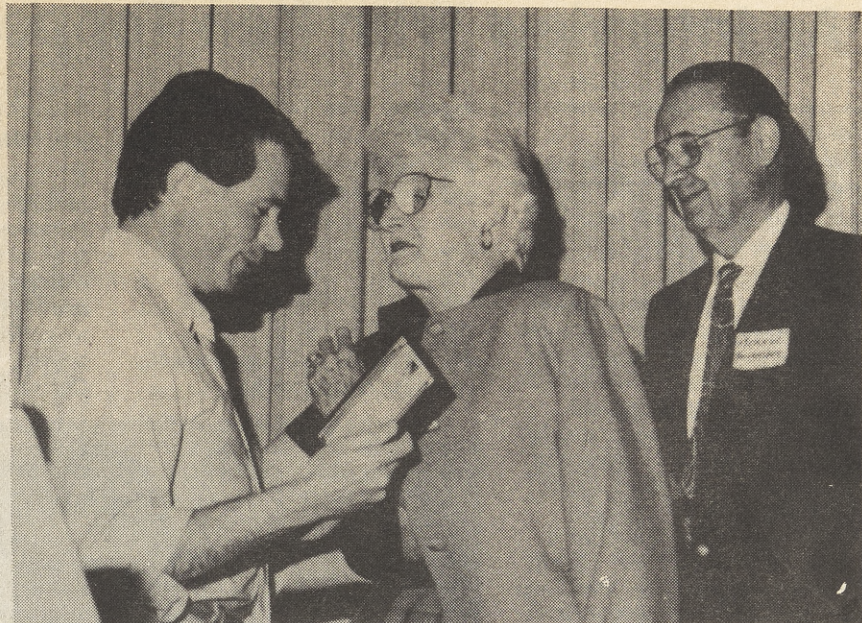


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Stan presenting Merrill and Muriel Follansbee the annual RCDC Stan Hadden Leadership award in 1990.

home was always much like being aboard Noah's Ark. Animals everywhere! In their midst sat Stan, thin, hooked to an I-V and at peace. As always, he was interested in community activity, the well-being of his friends and what the political future held for us all. That last conversation with Stan and Ken was to me most remarkable. He was impatient with anything beyond the most condensed discussion of his illness. He was clearly at peace with himself, a bit tired from the wearing effort of living with AIDS. Yet, facing what was now clearly the end of his life, he was now as I met him ten years ago—inquisitive, informed, warm and comfortable with his gayness."

## Carolyn Langenkamp CAPPAC

"I miss Stan so much already. I loved his boyish enthusiasm, and seemingly endless hope. He was the person who really got me thinking about AIDS. Back in 1981 or 1982, I was sitting in the waiting room of my doctor's office. Sandy Pomerantz and Harvey Thompson were my doctors, and they talked with me about this new disease that seemed to be hitting gay men. We were afraid. Very afraid. And I didn't want to talk about it. I pretended that it couldn't possibly hurt my friends. And Stan kept bringing it up. We would meet to organize our efforts to get AB 1 passed. Sitting in the Incredible Edible with our group of eight, we always brought up AIDS. "We have to talk about this. I know no one wants to. But, we have to deal with it now. We have to prepare. We have to get legislation passed. We have to take care of the community," he said to us. And, it clicked for me. Yes, we had to prepare. We can't ignore it. I always loved Stan's ability to make others feel energized and activated. When we talked I came away feeling that we could make a difference. He was matter-of-fact and inclusive. He brought us together with a kind, positive perspective. He was a once in a lifetime kind of a guy."

## Dennis H. Mangers Senior Vice President, California Cable Television Association

"The details seem cloudy now, but somewhere back there Stan Hadden and I were introduced and

hit it off, as only two political junkies can hit it off. We became instant friends and admirers from the very first. I was "somewhat" older chronologically and had had more political experience, but he was far older, wiser and more experienced as a gay man and knew a lot more about the social and political issues of importance to the gay and lesbian community. We learned a great deal from one another those first few months, I perhaps most of all. Coming out is probably never easy, but in your forties, it can be particularly challenging, and Stan was patient and supportive and generous in his counsel and friendship during a period which wasn't "pretty" for my staff, family and friends and agonizing at times for me personally. We started holding monthly meetings of the gay and lesbian men and women who worked in the Capitol and just talking about issues and what it felt like to be closeted in a "high risk" setting. But Stan Hadden inspired us to think of how our lives could be safer and more fulfilling and how AIDS could be faced more squarely if we became a stronger presence in the political process. This growing sense of unity and hope led to the genesis of the LIFE Lobby and CAP PAC and provided new blood and energy to RCDC. And I loved his approach. He was always positive and upbeat with high energy in his style. While many gay and lesbian community organizations in other cities were tearing themselves apart with internecine warfare and colliding egos, he continually kept our focus on the objectives. Losing Stan feels like losing my own son or brother. He has had such a profound influence on this wonderful new stage of my life and I depended on him when some aspect of it scared me. So, I loved Stan Hadden and I will always remember this gentle loving, valiant warrior for me and us and I intend to pay him the ultimate tribute by trying to live the rest of my life following the beautiful example he set for us all."

## Rand Martin Consultant to Assemblyman Friedman

"Many glowing terms could be used to describe Stan Hadden and all of them would be correct and each of them would reflect a different aspect of the same man. The word that comes to my mind is "faith." Stan Hadden had faith.

Not a blind and meek faith, but a faith based on knowledge and reason. Stan had faith in the system to which he devoted most of the last decade, the California Legislature. He could be as cynical as the rest of us about the Legislature's shortcomings. But he believed that the Legislature would do the right thing about AIDS, health care and lesbian and gay rights, maybe not today or tomorrow but in the inevitable future. More often than not, his faith in the legislative process was justified. I believe that the reactionary agendas of legislators like John Doolittle and Tim Leslie were not as harsh as they could have been because Stan had faith in the basic goodness of men and women, a faith that extended even to the zealots. Finally, Stan had faith in himself that he would not relinquish control to HIV until he was prepared. Stan believed in the treatments he underwent to battle HIV. Not that each treatment was a magic bullet but that each treatment was worth the effort. This fortified his power over the virus and allowed him to maintain mastery over the disease until the inexorable progression of AIDS could no longer be impeded. For many of us, Stan was a friend, a cheerleader, a shoulder and, ultimately, a repository of unceasing faith. If each of us had half as much faith in our institutions, our sisters and brothers and ourselves as Stan Hadden did, then our world would be a better place. With that said, in Stan's memory, let's keep the faith!"

## Laurie McBride LIFE Lobby

"I first met Stan in 1984. A small group from San Francisco had come up to the Capitol to lobby. He was our guide, our mentor. And he had an aquarium in his office! In politics, the most transient of all occupations, this incredible man had staked out his territory and was clearly there to stay. And when I came to Sacramento for the LIFE Lobby, Stan was there—for me, for every gay and lesbian in the State. Ready to strategize, bird-dog bills, guide, help. It was an incredible honor for me to receive the Community Service Award named after Stan; an honor that I will try to live up to. In his work, his life, he taught us so much. About living with passion, working with fire in the belly and love in the heart, about dedication and resolve... that is a legacy that can live on within each of us."

## Robert McLaughlin former consultant, Senate Subcommittee on Aging

"I met Stan shortly after I began working for the Senate Subcommittee on Aging. For a

long time we were nothing more than fellow staffers. We were both working on our own thing; he was working for the gay community and I was working for senior citizens. Eventually our paths crossed when he got the idea to model some health delivery services for PWA's after the way some senior related health care services are modeled. I was amazed at how quickly he could get his policy goals achieved. He would come into our office every now and again and always thought to keep me updated on any contemporary trends related to gay and lesbian issues or AIDS. There was never anything hidden about Stan's sexuality and he was somewhat of a role model for me in that respect. He commanded the respect of the community, was looked up to by his peers, and was taken seriously when he spoke... and he was out. I'll miss Stan, even though I didn't know him nearly as well as most. He exuded warmth, compassion and generosity of spirit. I'll miss the "I'm-walking-on-air" bounce in his step and his perpetual grin. I know Stan as a hard worker and that the state of California will have a difficult time filling his shoes."

## John Mello MGW staff

"My introduction to Stan was at the Holiday Ball fund raiser put on by Senator Roberti's staff exactly eight years ago on December 15, 1983. He was instantly warm, open and gracious—most of the other Capitol Beautiful People were somewhat patronizing to me. I had just moved to Sacramento, and it was reassuring to see prominent, openly gay people at my first big evening on the scene. At the Holiday Ball the following year I recall very vividly how Ken dragged a reluctant Stan out onto the dance floor to jitterbug. It raised some legislative eyebrows. I was impressed for life. I have wanted to express my admiration for Ken and Stan for so long. Our offices were in the same building for over five years, and along with the many other gay and lesbian Capitol staff, their presence made me feel like I worked in a truly enlightened environment. They showed society what a gay marriage can accomplish, and we should be awestruck. Imagine what gays and lesbians can do when elected to the legislature! Ken generously gave me some of Stan's favorite pheasants and pigeons. I also took home all the pots he had been propagating bulbs in. Who knows what will come up in spring—I will continue to care for these things so that his presence will inspire me for the rest of my creative life."

## Doug Mitten Office Manager, Hospital and Health Care Workers Local 250

"Early in 1983, I attended an AB 1 (Agnos) workshop in the Capitol. I met Stan there and was impressed with his knowledge, humility and concern for the community as a whole. The fact that I was married and in a heterosexual relationship did not offend him or ever become a barrier in our future interaction. At this workshop, Stan informed me about the gay activists in the area and introduced me to members of RCDC. I found a home there. Over the years I have worked with Stan on a number of issues, from the Sacramento city anti-discrimination ordinances and two campaigns to defeat Larouche initiatives to the election of Mayor Anne Rudin. In all contacts with him I have always found him to be humble, caring and a person without a personal political agenda. The good of the community was his agenda. He has always treated me as an equal and I have never felt the snobbish attitude which some legislative staffers express towards campaign volunteers and non-staff activists. Despite all the power and influence he had he was always gentle and kind to just regular people. We might not always agree, but we always respected each other. The City of Sacramento and the State of California have lost a brilliant light and beacon with his passing."

## David Roberti President Pro Tempore, California Senate

"I deeply admired Stan for his dedication and effectiveness in working on some of our most serious health and human issues. In his quiet and dignified way, Stan emerged as one of the nation's most respected leaders of human rights and public health efforts. Stan's commitment inspired greater concern and effort on all our parts. He both helped to develop public policies, fight AIDS and promote human rights, but just as importantly, he helped to generate greater understanding among all the people with whom he worked. In the battle against AIDS, Stan Hadden is one of the heroes. He helped push and prod the legislature when it was quite an unpopular and unpolitical thing to do. California, as a result, has led the nation in responding to the AIDS crisis."

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# How To Live With Unconditional Love— An Interview With Ken Topper

by John Mello  
OF MGW STAFF

**JM: How did you first meet Stan Hadden, and what were your first impressions of him?**

**KT:** We met in 1984 at the old K Street, now Faces, on the night the governor's announcement about AB 1 was happening. When it was shouted that Deukmejian had vetoed it, Stan lost interest and left. Then I ran into him at Tower and he invited me to a Pillars dinner. At the dinner, he took off after another person, so I gave him a reality check on that one. He was adorable and handsome, and I was very attracted to him mentally when I found out what he did. I had just had a friend diagnosed, so I knew I would be living with it. He was a magnet, an avenue to effect change, and political work was intriguing in the Big White House. I thought, who is this child? He was so innocent and happy. Yes, I can acknowledge his genius; it came so freely, without effort. He loved to just play. There were no parameters between his life with animals and his professional life.

**JM: How did your relationship get started?**

**KT:** After about a month and a half, we started spending the week at his place near Sac State and the weekends at my quiet little apartment downtown. After a year, we bought a home. I was the pusher; he could be happy anywhere he could hang his hat and have animals. Outside of that nothing else existed.

**JM: That must have come from growing up on a farm—**

**KT:** He was recapturing his boyhood. He didn't collect things; his memories were little things like rocks or a rooster spur that had belonged to his great-grandfather. He wanted to have animals, and when he was forced by the neighbors to get rid of his chickens, he moved out. He finally wound up with a goat (Butthead), two turkeys (Liz and Oprah), two dogs, two cats, two ducks, six rabbits, six pheasants, 30 fancy pigeons, 50 designer chickens, as well as cockatiels and pond fish. The thing he wanted most was a miniature pig. When he was a kid his mother had to check his pockets for lizards and bunnies. Once when he was riding his moped in the lower forty, he picked up a bear cub and was going to take it home until the mother bear started chasing him. He was going to try to outrun her. And his gardening! That garden had four locations ultimately. He propagated gladioli bulbs that went back to his grandmother. Our house had 200 orchids; it was one big greenhouse with humidifiers at different settings in every room.

**JM: Did the two of you make plans for the future?**

**KT:** We really didn't plan. We just operated in the present. He knew he wasn't going to be around forever, so he was on the go constantly. Destiny was determined to take him somewhere, so I went with it. It was fun. I had a great time.

**JM: When did Stan find out he was HIV+?**

**KT:** He was diagnosed in 1985. I remember the day his test came back positive he came into the office and shed two or three tears and that was it. He bottled up the emotion. Boy, there was a serious Stan after that moment. It really put a dent in his grin.

**JM: I thought it was very interesting that a 'married' couple could work in the same Capitol office without objections of**

**nepotism. How did you pull that one off?**

**KT:** Our relationship was known and respected from day one. It took a year to do. When I came on board, our superior told us, "There will be no screaming in the hallways at each other and no marital difficulties at work."

**JM: How did your families feel about the relationship?**



Ken Topper and Stan Hadden in January of 1986.

Photo by Sunny Bell

**KT:** My mother took a little while; it was "here's another one." She didn't know quite how to deal with relationships that had not been formalized by marriage. As far as Stan's family goes, the difficulties are finally being worked out. He had a talk with them when they came out here in May for his reception. He told them he wished to be cremated, but his father objected that cremation was not in the Bible. Stan pointed out that hardware stores and pickup trucks weren't either, so he had better give those up, too.

**JM: What was your social life like?**

**KT:** We did good party. We had two, three, four political events every night. We had a wide social milieu and were enter-twined with a variety of people. We went to the Gay Freedom Day parades, the Vacaville prison HIV ward Christmas parties, everything. Stan wouldn't vacation. We had one trip together to Santa Catalina in 1987. He didn't want to go where I wanted to go and then he would cancel at the last minute. I started taking separate vacations.

**JM: What are some of your favorite memories?**

**KT:** When Stan let go of his professional life. We were alone at the family cabin in Sonora once when, being the romantic, he innocently put Mr. Bubble in the jacuzzi. I heard him calling me to pass down a bucket and mop, "but don't come down here." He was hip-deep in suds. On one of our first dates he had an indoor picnic with strawberries, sour cream, brown sugar and wine with the teddy bears. He also had them in the truck; they went with us to cut down our first Christmas tree. One high point was watching his face when RCDC awarded him with the annual Stanley S. Hadden Community Leadership Award in 1988. Our favorite thing was muscat and truffles by candlelight in a claw-

foot tub after a day's work.

**JM: What about entertainment?**

**KT:** Stan liked Birdie, a movie about pigeons, and The Color Purple made a big impression. His favorite television shows were Golden Girls, Designing Women and Murphy Brown. He like what we called "moaning women" singers. He played Cleo Laine, Chris Connor, k.d. lang and Angela

chickens. He was entertained with the simplest things.

**JM: How did you deal with anger?**

**KT:** He would tell me that he just wanted to say something to get it off his chest and that he didn't want a reaction. I got used to it and it worked fine for us from then on. If we were at the office I could close the door and say "You're being a

Lansbury in Sweeney Todd a lot. He also had all the old disco music like Donna Summer. Music was always going. He played Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and Vivaldi's Four Seasons. When I moved back in with him for the last nine weeks I'd throw on that music every morning. He had also started listening to meditation tapes and New Age stuff. At the end was when he really started to read spiritual, self-realization and esoteric books.

**JM: What was most important to the two of you?**

**KT:** The trust in each other to support each other and insure each other's independence. "You go do what you have to do and I will be here when you get home." When Stan and I began to have our growing pains he sought the [Rob Eichberg] Experience. When he came back I thought, here comes this very empowered person while I've been busy playing political wife. We went towards loving each other even more. He wanted independence and moving out to the farm was an expansion of our relationship. When we separated we made it a game making lists and worked it out. We had just bought a second home and I didn't want to be down on the farm. We still took very good care of each other.

**JM: How did the two of you maintain such a herculean output of work?**

**KT:** I'm an extrovert, almost hyperactive, while Stan was an introvert. He brought calm to me while I drove him. The quiet time we had together was really nice. In his personal life his drive went down; if professionally he was going 80 mph then home was 5-10 mph. Discussion stopped. He would calm down in the pigeon coop for hours writing down behaviors. I would sit in the bedroom in the dark and watch him through the window. He was like a kid petting and grooming the

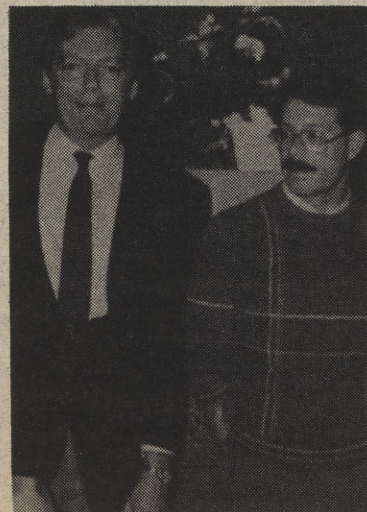
real asshole" and then we could go home and not take it with us.

**JM: What kind of advice would you give young people today?**

**KT:** That to be different is OK. Learn how to live with unconditional love—you don't have to agree with everything. Relationships are very important and they can exist. I learned to live moment to moment and to play with them. Be responsible.

**JM: What are the most valuable things you learned from Stan?**

**KT:** Patience. Compromise. Listening. Dignity. Respect. I get to walk away with them; Stan lived with them, for everybody. Also "moving effortlessly paying attention to details." It was like being in school. My stuff, my accomplishments, will come. I'm not in it for ego. Stan acknowledged me and that was wonderful. The most beautiful thing Stan ever gave me was the trust of his life. He planned his dying the last year and fine tuned the last week. I am so honored I had the opportunity. Now I have to look for someone to entrust mine to.▼



Patrick Gaffney and Stan at Stuart Duckworth's play called Dreamhouse in 1985.

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Anne Rudin  
Mayor of Sacramento

"What can one say? His bravery was almost unbearable. He used the time he had left very effectively and productively. I thought that instead of hiding the fact that the end was near, he showed wisdom, bravery and staunchness not to bemoan it. He was an inspiration and also a friend, and when you saw that a friend could be subject to AIDS, it made you sympathetic. I was saddened, but Stan made it real. I knew it could strike anywhere and it made me want to do something about it. What I've accomplished was as a result of knowing Stan. I remember how helpful he was; I could always call and he would have a point of view that would help me make a decision. He was a good advisor and I trusted his judgment. He was a strong advocate who helped persuade the City Council to pass the anti-discrimination ordinances and he created an awareness and understanding of people with HIV and AIDS. It was a very enriching friendship."

Janet Sakata  
Senate Pro Tem staff

"We had dinner at Stan's house a couple of times and even though he was weak he still had a lot of integrity. He was always up for the occasion and put forth an effort to be as much himself as he could. We're all at a loss because we lost someone great who was also a good friend and a dedicated worker. I'm glad he's at peace, but we're the ones who really lost out. Not too many people have as much to give as he had."

Lynn Shepodd  
Executive Director, National Coming Out Day

"Stan was a phenomenal role model. He taught me how to dispute issues without blowing my cool. He had a down-home finesse where you always knew he was telling the truth. No one could ever accuse him of guile—he was as honorable as they come. By his actions, he showed us that we could be involved in political work and not have to sacrifice our integrity. That is a huge gift and I will forever be thankful to him. No one knew what Stan knew, so everybody let him do all the work. He would never say no to anyone—that was the kind of thoughtful, loving human being he was. I saved a whole file of 'Memos From Stan.' He was a veritable gold mine of information. Stan supported National Coming Out Day from its inception. He knew the value of people acting powerfully and openly and was very eloquent on the subject. On a personal level, I am stunned. I knew his death was coming, but I have not begun to deal with it. One of the things I appreciated was his love for all creatures. He gave me a female cat who I named Stan and she is a rascal of the highest order. She is something to remind me of how precious life is, to keep it a priority, and a daily reminder of how he did that in his wonderfully simple regular guy kind of way."

Janet Rogers, Ed.D.  
Executive Director Sacramento AIDS Foundation

"My emotions at the loss of Stan Hadden after knowing and working with him for such a short time make me realize what others fortunate to have known him so much longer must be feeling. He was a caring, dedicated and beautiful individual whose death will affect us all immeasurably. The support he provided to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation staff is irreplaceable."

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## flash

by John Batchelor  
OF MGW STAFF

After a short hiatus, Mr. Flash is back and moving through the thick of it. It's the holiday season, the time when everyone gets together and celebrates. As with Thanksgiving, make an effort to congregate with those who have made a difference in your life.▼

Mr. Flash received the premiere issue of a new catalog called *Shocking Gray*. A catalog for "the other 25 million people." It is designed for gays and lesbians and all its suppliers donate a percentage of all revenues to gay and lesbian causes. *Shocking Gray* is a slick and bold publication with wonderful full page photographs. To receive a catalog call 1-800-788-4729 and tell 'em you saw it in Sacramento's *Mom Guess What Newspaper!*▼

Congratulations to Ed Condon and Norman Lorenz on the opening of their new Maria Hastings Child Development Center in downtown Sacramento. With this new venture it's evident that these two are leaders in their field.▼

Two of my alumni dance students tied the knot recently in a beautiful ceremony at River City Metropolitan Community Church (RCMCC). Jamie Ross and Pamela White combined both Jewish and Christian traditions. The service was unique and wonderful. An exquisite reception followed in the RCMCC Grand Ballroom. The room was decorated with canopied tables. Guests were offered superb food and accompanied by a classical string quartet. The only unfortunate outcome of the event is that Jamie and Pamela are moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico soon. We will miss you.▼

Kudos to Joan Stoner and Julia Mullen on a successful River City Democratic Club (RCDC) November potluck. The political group took a bit of time off from its vigorous schedule to relax at the potluck. Call the group to see how you can get involved.▼

Mr. Flash attended a 70th birthday blowout bash for Chris Chilton and Tracy McBroom (combined ages). Actually it was really rather tame. In attendance was San Francisco's former 'Mr. Cheeks and Chaps' Phillip Wagoner. Apparently one of his favorite "accessories" is a pair of handcuffs that are never out of reach. Sounds interesting. Another attendee CGNIE's 'Mr. Gay Cowboy' Shane VanBalen modeled a beautiful leather jacket. And low and behold what was attached to the right shoulder but another set of handcuffs! It must be a new craze or I've just been attending the wrong parties.▼

A newsletter that is jam-packed with information is the *Sacramento Tradeswomen*. It is for women in non-traditional jobs. Their support group meets the second Friday of every month. For more information call Donna Davis Gray at 456-5555.▼

The Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC) presents "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" on December 21 & 22. A bit of King's College, Cambridge tradition will make it to the river city. The setting for this event is the First United Methodist Church.▼

Some additional SMC news is the formation of an off-shoot group called *Chambers*. The group of eight women and four men went carolling recently.▼

A must pick-up is the *Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Guide* at Lioness Books. It's produced out of Philadelphia, and it's only a buck!▼

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is going strong and meets the third Tuesday of every month. On December 17, there is a rap session with Will Green, M.D. The group also has an active speakers' bureau, and they are initiating an AIDS support project.▼

Every bar in town has a celebration in store as the holidays draw near. *Faces* has a big spread on December 15. (See their ad in our December 1 issue.) It is always unbelievably good fun and not to be missed... The *Buffalo Club's* 2nd annual old fashioned Christmas party just passed but you can still catch the New Year's Eve celebration with Arbess Williams and the Boll Weevils... *Joseph's Town and Country* (JTC) put together a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for all the members of its family, and JTC is busy at work planning its Christmas doings... Mark the fourth Saturday of every month for the Bare Chest Contest at the *Wreck Room*. The contest is quickly becoming a Sacramento tradition... The *Town House* is getting into the cabaret business with several visits by Linda Snook. Mark your calendar for January 18 to catch her next show... The *Merchantile Saloon* offers a great get-away from your holiday stress... *Our Place* is now a straight bar.▼

Belated November birthday wishes to local celebrity artist Kerry Sutton. Kerry's striking work can be found around town including the lobby at C.A.R.E.S. Happy December birthday wishes to Lee Painter, reportedly a fabulous dancer, Greg Friel, Michael Mina Minkler, Tim Kelleher, Michael Gorman, Dr. Carol Havens, Dr. Nancy Weagley, Mary Kennedy, Michael Dennis and Doug Garrett. Celebrating birthdays on Christmas day are Karl Reynolds and Terry Biehl. You can stop by *Shakers* restaurant on Broadway and wish Terry a happy year.▼

Tom DesRosier, board member of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation is hosting a semi-formal benefit for SAF's Hand-to-Hand program. The December 22 event is on the 25th floor Capitol Club in the Renaissance Tower. So shine your shoes and call 971-9332 for more information.▼

Until next year! Have a fun and safe holiday season... John▼

## In Tribute

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Marghe Covino  
MGW staff

"I always liked to argue with Stan because he wasn't a quitter. He'd sit and squint at me with a little grin and a distracted air and then fire a verbal ball from an oblique angle that would scorch your drawers. Fun.

Complex. I remember the animals and his curious mixture of pragmatic farmer and anthropomorphic love for them. His relationships with people reflect the same complex mix but it was always the animals and the earth which grounded him—created his base and his foundation.

Driven. I became one of the people with whom he relentlessly communicated.

By mail. By phone. Probably would have used one of the pigeons if he felt it would cause me to write one more line about one more AIDS bill which was in committee, in danger, passed, needed help, or whatever else it would take to make it all happen.

A little boy. He brought his friend Rob Eichberg to my house for an interview. He proudly presented me with a huge bowl of multicolored eggs his hardworking chickens had produced. He then happily showed Rob and me off to each other—clearly delighted to recount one or another thing about each of us that he felt was noteworthy. Then, with a sigh, he sat back and stuffed himself with creme brulee desserts and watched us do the interview.

Comedic. A few months ago Ken, Stan and I did black comedy routines in the hallway of the Capitol—all of them about Stan's symptoms. We really had a zany kind of weird fun—and all thought of ourselves as wildly sophisticated, I'm sure! I don't think of Stan without thinking about Ken. What courage, humor and grace both of them have exhibited these last months.

I went to see Stan to say goodbye the day before he passed. He was translucent, transcendent—surrounded by the men and women who helped him and waited with him for the final moment. They cared for him and his guests lovingly and made Stan and everyone else comfortable with the moment. He had them and he had Ken. He was as lucky as you can be considered to be in these tragic, wasteful, circumstances. With their help he was able to die as he had lived—a role model for us all and with great dignity.

I'm crying.▼

## Jane Uitti

former consultant, Senate  
Committee on Health and  
Human Services

"Stan was such a pal... when I'd routinely get bogged down on thorny AIDS and confidentiality issues in a bill I was analyzing I'd call Stan for help. He always amazed me by having the information off the top of his head. But much more than that, he had a wonderful and intuitive insight into why people took the positions that they did about AIDS and health issues. Because he understood people, he understood the politics of very controversial situations. He used to send me lengthy and unsolicited electronic messages on my computer, giving me not only information he'd come across that he thought I could use, but also a delightful array of personal comments and observations. And that's how he shared with us that he had KS—on the computer. He sent an e-mail message to his friends, in direct and simple terms, without self-pity, explaining what he knew we would want to know. We hated the Legislative bigots together, although he had more tolerance than I; he thought some of them were "educable." Maybe, because of Stan's marvelous personality, they were."

## Traffic-Stopper Evangelista to Grace T-shirts

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO—Ads Against AIDS, a national group of advertising agencies to increase public awareness about the epidemic, is promoting a \$25 T-shirt featuring bare-chested fashion model and lesbian heart-throb Linda Evangelista on the front.

Evangelista appeared in the Ads Against AIDS first venture earlier this year, a sultry billboard in New York's Times Square wearing nothing but a pair of tight black pants. The public service advertising campaign and Evangelista's fleshy contribution to it were spotlighted on MTV News when the billboard stopped traffic in the normally jaded Big Apple.

Since then, Ads Against AIDS has convinced Manhattan apparel manufacturer Kenar to produce the up-scale T-shirt which has the organization's logo on the back and a reproduction of the steamy Evangelista billboard on the front.

Proceeds from sales of the Kenar T-shirts go to the Ads Against AIDS which uses the funds to produce more national public service ads, particularly aimed at younger people.

Kenar has set up a toll-free order line just in time for the holiday season and a spokeswoman for the New York fashion firm said sales have been brisk so far. The overwhelming majority of the sales have been, not surprisingly, to people under 25. Kenar added that they had expected nearly all the customers for the T-shirts to be men and were surprised to find more than 20 percent of the callers ordering the T-shirts were younger women. "Maybe Linda [Evangelista] has an appeal to some women that we hadn't really anticipated," the Kenar spokeswoman said.

The toll-free number for the Kenar T-shirts is 1-800-346-0162 during normal business hours.▼

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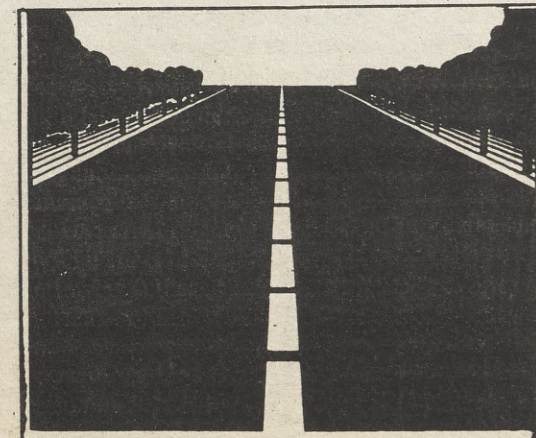
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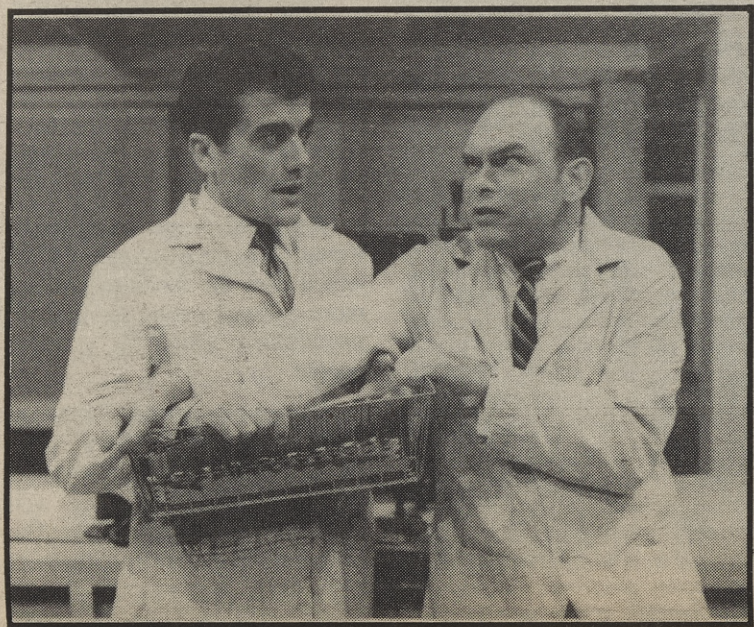
# "How to Succeed in Business . . ." a hilarious lesson in office politics

by James Fitzpatrick Jr.  
OF MGW STAFF

It's not big news to say *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* is one heck of a good show. After all, the musical comedy by Abe Burrows and Frank Loesser, which opened on Broadway in 1961, received seven Tony awards, including Best Musical, as well as the Pulitzer Prize for drama(!), the Outer Critics Circle

marry him (Rosemary, played by Valerie Fagan, fresh from her role as Fantine in the national tour of *Les Miserables*) and who remains most willing to help him up the ladder. At one point, one of her secretarial peers asks "What's the opposite of a sex maniac? A businessman!"

Jokes and one-liners like this are rampant and first-rate in *How To Succeed*, but the real fun is in the musical numbers which spoof



James Saba (left) and Jae Ross (right) in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.

Award and the Drama Desk Award for Best Musical.

The question is: How well can Sacramento Theatre Company succeed with their production of this critically-acclaimed farce of corporate America?

They've succeeded without really trying.

Pun intended. Sorry.

In reality, it's obvious a great deal of work and talent went into SCT's terrific presentation. Under the guidance of Director Mark Cuddy, SCT has assembled a very capable cast on a stage set that's equally impressive.

*How to Succeed* revolves around the corporate ladder climbing of a certain young J. Pierrepont Finch (played by James Saba). Following the advice of his guide bood word for word (voiced in satirical 1950's booming style by Jerry Grisham), finch makes all the right moves as he manipulates his way from mail room to Chairman of the Board. For much of the play, Finch's ladder climbing goes swimmingly well. Even Bud Frump (played with hysterical glee by Jae Ross), the President's naughty nephew, is unable to knock him down a rung. It isn't until Finch is appointed Vice President in charge of Advertising that he falters. (Where else?! The World Wide Wicket Company has gone through 15 Advertising Directors in one year!) And boy, does our Finch falter. Even his book tells him to refer to Chapter 1: How to Get a Job. Yet, miraculously, finch manages to turn things around, landing on his feet on the top rung of the ladder.

As Finch sets about his goals, he ignores the woman who wants to

sexual stereotypes, bathroom politics, yes men and other all-too-familiar office situations. We're talking high camp here, in songs like "Coffee Break," were the entire office goes bonkers because the coffee carafe is as dry as a drought in a desert ("If I can't take my coffee break something inside me dies"). Finch's fiasco scene is nothing short of hilarious, as his advertising campaign blows up in his face. In the TV campaign, the "Yo Ho Ho" song is performed by the Pirate-themed "Jolly Wickets and Wickettes" who are to give a clue about hidden treasure (shares of stock in the World Wide Wicket Company). I won't tell you what goes wrong. Suffice it to say the scene, which is cleverly captured on video monitors covering the action on the stage, is just one of many memorable moments in the play.

The cast, the set, the choreography are all first rate in SCT's production of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. No matter where you stand on the corporate ladder, you will appreciate the biting humor of this play. It enlightens as much as it entertains. If anything, that's more true today than when the play made its original spash 30 years ago. Go see it!

*How To Succeed* plays seven nights a week (with matinees on Thursdays and Sundays) through January 5 at Sacramento Theatre Company, corner of 15th and H Streets. Call 443-6722 for information and reservations.▼

## Brief Takes



Walt Disney Pictures' *"Beauty and the Beast"*

by Matthew Kennedy  
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### The Addams Family: No Ordinary Family

Many have carped that the new big screen version of *The Addams Family* has a flimsy plot. This is understandable, since its inspirations are *New Yorker* cartoons and a 1960s TV series—not exactly the stuff of great story telling. But plot is not always of primary importance. What more is *Mary Poppins* than a day in the park with a weird nanny? *The Addams Family* is about style, and in this it succeeds quite thoroughly.

Unless you've been on an extended trip to Mars, you know this is no ordinary family. They live in a sort of parallel universe where delight and amusement is found in death, mutilation, trickery and even cannibalism. Tongue is always firmly in cadaverous cheek. Wife and mother Morticia snips off those hideous rose blossoms to better accent the thorns, while children Wednesday and Pugsley play games with guillotines and an electric chair. A disembodied hand called "Thing" is more loyal and useful than the best trained dog, and Grandma is forever stewing something in the kitchen using wayward body parts. Not so obvious is the love and care the family shows one another. This is one well-adjusted clan.

The silly sight gags and one liners could come off as sophomoric, but the cast saves the day. Deliciously underplaying all the ghoulish goings-on are Anjelica

Huston, Raul Julia, Judith Maline and Christina Ricci. Less successful are Christopher Lloyd as Uncle Festus, and the "normal" people in the movie, including Judith Ivey, whose sinister plan to force the Addams's out of their Gothic mansion grows tiresome.

*The Addams Family* is a feast for the eyes; Oscar nominations for art direction, costuming, cinematography, make-up and special effects seem certain. But it's all dressed up with no place to go, and it provides only a few big laughs. Not to worry, it's still a grab-your-popcorn-and-have-a-good-time movie.

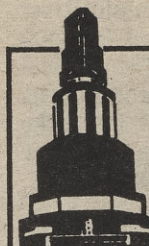
### The Beauty And The Beast: Bold of Fine Silk

Walt Disney Studios is the home to the only great cinematic tradition still producing. MGM musicals, screwball comedies, and the Western have come and gone, but great animation lives in *The Beauty and The Beast*, Disney's 30th animated feature.

This could be Disney's finest hour, surpassing even their 1989 hit *The Little Mermaid*. *The Beauty and the Beast* has got it all. The plucky heroine Belle is an odd sort. She reads books! She feels out of place in her village, where she is being courted by vain brute named Gaston. She willingly replaces her father in the jail of a strange castle, where a horrible monster rules with a ferocious temper. But he's not really a monster. It seems he and the castle are under a spell, and the beast is really a handsome prince who is learning a few lessons about

real beauty. To break the spell, someone must love him for the beauty inside his misshapen form...

*The Beauty and The Beast* unravels like a bolt of fine silk. Here is a perfectly realized entertainment that speaks to all ages. It has a tuneful score, great characters (a teapot named Mrs. Potts, and a candelabra named Lumiere, among many wonderful others), fantastic state of the art animation, and a story that would make even the most hardened viewer misty eyed. See it and know that at least one movie genre has never been better. See it to be reassured that an "old fashioned" story about loyalty, love, faith, patience, strength, curiosity, courage and respect can still be so moving in these troubled times.▼



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# Energetic *Don Pasquale* From Sacramento Opera

by Wayne R. Anderson  
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento Opera's production of Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* on Nov. 22 brought a delightful treat to the appreciative audience. Exceptionally fine singing and acting, along with attractive stage sets, made this one of the company's best efforts.

As *Don Pasquale*, the 70-ish bachelor who unwisely decides to marry a young girl, William F. Walker sang with an effortless creamy bass that allowed us to savor the beauty of Donizetti's vocal line. Far too often, such *buffo* rolls are taken by veteran singers well past their vocal prime who snort much of the music, but not here. As he ran around the stage, Mr. Walker occasionally crossed

Richard Zeller sand Dr. Malatesta ("Sick-head"), Pasquale's friend who tricks him into the "marriage," with a lusciously musical fluid baritone of good size. His acting was on the same high par as the other principals. Joe Fairchild was amusing and musical in the small role of the Notary.

The uniformly high vocal standard of this performance was one of its real pluses. Comedies nowadays are often cast with second-rank singers who do an adequate job but fail to produce any vocal thrills. One is left to wonder why these operas were so popular. Yet it is good to realize that the original cast of *Don Pasquale* consisted of four of the greatest singers of the 19th century (Lablache, Grisi, Mario, and Tamburini), artists who would be unmatched superstars

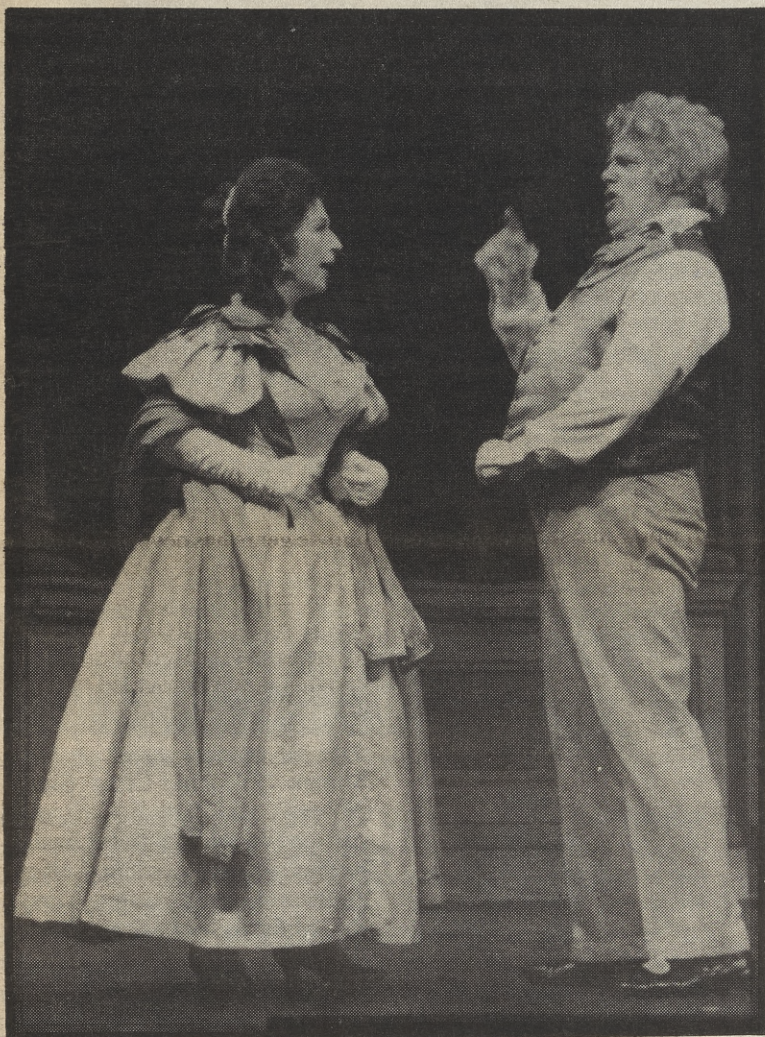
today.

Besides its fine singing, the chorus was called upon for considerable acting in its small part in act III. Whether or not one like the idea, they carried it out enthusiastically. Conductor Steward Robertson kept the music moving forward, but tended to overwhelm his soloists at ensemble finales.

The sets (from the Cleveland Opera) contained few props but colorfully painted backdrops showed richly appointed interiors of the Roman setting of the opera.

The staging held some controversies. In an attempt to liven things up, extraneous elements were added. For me, these were not always successful. For example, in the last act, as Ernesto sings his famous aria *Com'è gentil*, the chorus popped obtrusively in-and-out for their brief interjections, destroying the lyrical aura of the music. However in act II, Ernesto sings to a trumpet accompaniment, so the director put a stand-in trumpet player onstage. Ernesto's annoyance as he reacted to this play was hilarious, sue mainly to Bernardini's acting. And the chorus line-style dancing of the chorus in act III was also amusing. This use of the chorus was modeled after what Ponnelle did in the San Francisco *Cenerentol*, which itself sometimes got in the way.

Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette* follows in February. *Don Pasquale* looked sold-out, so do not delay in getting tickets.▼



Evelyn de la Rosa as Norina (left) and William Walker as Don Pasquale (right) perform in Sacramento Opera's *Don Pasquale*.

the fine line into slapstick. *Don Pasquale* should appear foolish--that is the whole point of the opera--but he should not seem a ninny.

Evelyn de la Rosa sang and acted an excellent Norina, the cause of Pasquale's new-found libido. Her agile soprano reveled in the role's lyric-coloratura aspects, yet she had strength when needed, as when "Sofronia" (aka Norina) takes command at the instant the phony wedding is completed. As Ernesto, Pasquale's nephew who is in love with Norina, Don Bernardini was a highlight of the evening. He possesses one of the most gorgeous tenors in opera today, with a velvety sensuous sound reminiscent of Pavarotti or di Stefano or Gigli. His major liability is the lack of crystal clear top notes, but the rest of the voice is pure honey. On top of this, a free-and-easy stage presence and good looks make him a completely rounded artist. All evening Ernesto's gorgeous melodies poured from him, while his comic flair brought laughter from the audience. Let us hope he returns often!

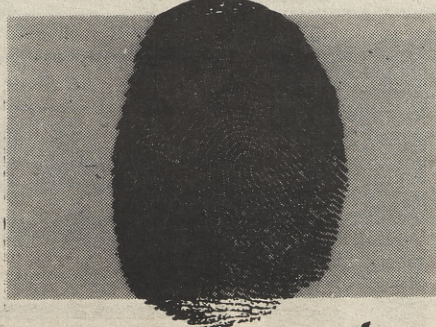
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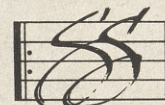
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# New Henze Opera in San Francisco

by Wayne R. Anderson  
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"I don't know anything about it, but I know I won't like it. I don't like anything written after 1900." (From a man peddling his tickets on the steps of the opera house.) By his artistic timidity, typical of many in the U.S. opera audience, this man missed one of the most engrossing productions of the current season. The opera is Hans Werner Henze's 1990 *Das Verratene Meer* (The Betrayed Sea), receiving its U.S. premiere this fall. It is based on Yukio Mishima's novel *The Sailor Who Fell from Grace With the Sea*. Henze's and Mishima's lives have many parallels: they were born a year apart and came to military age at the end of World War II (Henze fought, Mishima avoided service); each was strongly affected by the crushing defeat of his country; both were gay; each was highly successful in his field; and both, due to disenchantment with the social order, got into radical politics, Mishima on the right and Henze on the left. Mishima died in 1970

by ritual suicide, while Henze continues to write as the most successful living opera composer.

The opera takes place in Yokohama during the late 1960s. Its main characters are Fusako (a widow), Noboru (her overprotected teenage son) and Ryuji (a sailor). An attraction develops between Ryuji and Fusako when he gives her and Noboru a tour of his ship. Later Noboru, who is just awakening to sexuality, watches spellbound as Ryuji takes off his shirt and sensually strokes his muscular body. The boy has been watching his mother's body with fascination through a hole in the wall between their bedrooms and is mesmerized when he watches Ryuji make love to her. Noboru belongs to a street gang, whose members ridicule Ryuji as being just as empty as all adults. As Ryuji sails out to sea, Noboru is torn between loyalty to his gang and his idolization of the sailor. The gang members kill and dismember a kitten.

In Part II--betrayal of the sea--Ryuji returns and gives up the sea to marry Fusako. What is even

worse, he will sell clothes in her dress boutique. As the final act of his downfall, he forgives Noboru for spying on his mother rather than beating him. The gang decides that Ryuji must die, so Noboru lures him to an abandoned warehouse where he meets the same fate as the cat.

What is the meaning of this grisly tale? Mishima, who had turned ultra right-wing, felt that Japan needed to wipe out its U.S.-dominated society and return to the purity of its martial prewar era. Ryuji symbolizes the present impotent society which has betrayed its glorious *samurai* past. This is made vivid as Noboru watches in horror as his once-idolized sailor studies a salesman's trade manual so he can sell clothes at Fusako's boutique. A *samurai* would never work for a woman! But Henze wrote the opera, not Mishima, so we must read a less parochial message in it. Since both men turned against their existing social orders (but in different directions), the work is an indictment of any failed society, not just Japan. In our own world of growing unemployment and intolerance for minorities, with an indifferent government, this opera should resonate deeply. Of course each listener will discover

additional meaning.

Henze has been criticized by some for not being "modern" or *avant garde* enough, but his operas do get performed and even go into second and third productions. This score will certainly sound "modern" to an ear attuned only to Verdi

or Puccini (our friend on the opera house steps would need earplugs), but anyone who appreciates *Wozzeck* or *Lulu* would find the music congenial. The orchestration, while not often really loud, is frequently thick, making it difficult for the voices to penetrate it,



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Baritone Tom Fox as Ryuji Tsukazaki (left) and tenor Craig Estep as Noboru (or Number Three) performed in the American premiere of Hans Werner Henze's *Das Verratene Meer*.

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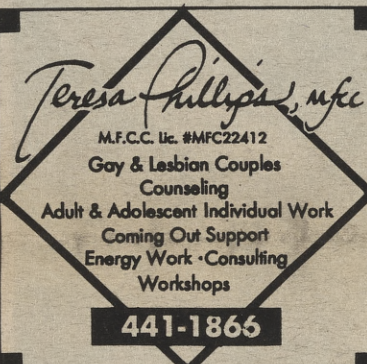
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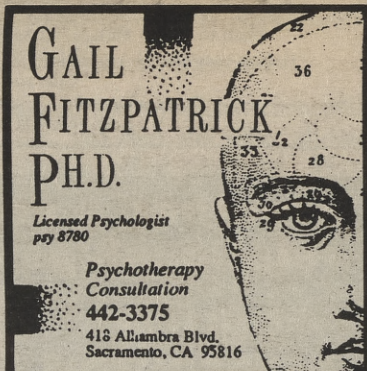
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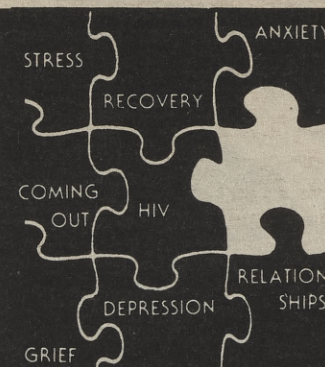
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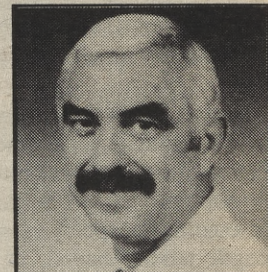
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# Holidays Hard On Pets

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A great deal is written about holiday stress and its effects on humans, but we often don't think about the way that the holidays affect our pets. They are every bit as sensitive to the changes of or lack of regular schedules as we are. They also pick up on our agitation and whom among us manages to get through the holiday season without a bit of that.

If a pet is already a member of the family keep in mind that you can protect it from much of the stress by making sure that it has a quiet place to escape to when company is present or when you are rushing around getting things ready. In our house my dogs spend most of their time in the back bedroom or in their crates. They enjoy chew bones at a time like this and don't suffer

cause severe dermatitis and irritation of mucous membranes

• **Rosary Peas:** ingestion of one bean can cause death

• **Evergreens:** certain types of trees and decorative ropes are poisonous and the berries of Mistletoe are poisonous.

Tinsel, glass balls, decorations held together with pins, wrapping and ribbons whose dye colors may be poisonous, making all of these no-no's for our pets. Also on the caution list is too much turkey which will give dogs diarrhea, so keep your holiday feast for humans. However, your birds can share in such things as vegetables (no butter), fruit, meat and the turkey bones will provide a nice treat of marrow. The dogs and cats are not allowed any bones that splinter and that makes the turkey bones off limits. I can't stress enough that it is important to keep chocolate away from your pets--it is highly toxic!

There is too much confusion, too many chances for a puppy or kitten to be hurt, handled too much and generally not be allowed to make a good transition into the family. If a kitten or puppy is on the list, purchase some of the necessities such as leash, collar, crate, kitty bed and toys and have the excitement of knowing that in a few days the actual pet will join the household when things are back to normal and it can be the center of attention. Or give a gift certificate with directions where to pick up the pet once the holidays are over. Most serious breeders will be happy to have you leave a pup or kitten in the comfort of the litter during this hectic time.

Remember, when buying a puppy you are selecting a pet for life, not just for Christmas. Too often the Christmas puppy is the one that ends up becoming part of the statistics that contribute to our

puppy that has been raised in a clean environment. Dirty pups may prove difficult to house train. A puppy spends its first weeks with mama. She will influence temperament... how friendly is she? Also, beware of anyone offering to meet you in a public place and sell you a puppy out of their car. I am hearing horror stories of people

paying fancy prices for small dogs that they have purchased from "a nice old lady" in a parking lot and never getting their registration papers for their puppy. Use common sense when buying any pet. If you have questions you can always call the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs for information. Their number is 483-3602.▼



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from being underfoot as I rush around. Usually the dogs or cats will enjoy a brief visit with guest, but then are happy to escape.

If company is coming and the doors are opening and closing frequently, make sure that your pets can't slip out unattended if they are not accustomed to being out. A lost dog or cat on Christmas can spoil the day for everyone.

My resident bird expert, Cathy Goodsell informs me that birds deal better with confusion, however, be aware that birds are sensitive to many airborne toxins. Therefore, when cleaning for your company, keep birds away from cleaning products. It is best to isolate them in a room away from the fumes. She also cautions that many a bird has succumbed to the lure of shiny Christmas ornaments. By the same token, puppies and kittens will be drawn like a magnet to glittery ornaments. Make sure that pets are kept away from a tree or are well-supervised when in the room with a tree. With puppies in the house this year I will probably put one of my X-pens around the tree to keep curious beasts away. It is also imperative that you keep pets away from the following plants which are highly toxic to animals:

- **Poinsettia:** the milky juice may cause irritation of mucous membranes.
- **Chrysanthemum:** contains rotenone, a poison. It may also cause severe dermatitis.
- **Rubber plants** of all types:

Some other cautions at holiday time include refraining from giving a pet as a surprise gift to someone. What you think is wonderful someone else may not want or like and it is sad when a puppy, kitten or bird, given with good intentions, ends up neglected because it didn't fit the needs of the recipient. A pet is a very personal item and must be selected with care by the person wanting it.

I seriously recommend that pets not be given on Christmas day.

current pet overpopulation problems. Start out right and we will make 1992 a great year for us and our animal friends.

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## a parent connection

by June and Sherman Krane  
OF MGW STAFF

June and Sherman Krane are parents of three children, one of whom is a gay son. Long-time members of PFLAG, they have lectured extensively on parents and gay children.

### Dear Parent Connection:

A few months ago I told my mother about being gay, she took it very well, but she keeps referring to the idea that she must have done something to make me gay. She feels very guilty about that. Any suggestions?

Regards,  
Doris

Mom Says: Dear Doris,

I understand her guilty feelings, I too felt that way after my son told me he was gay. For the first six months I blamed myself and tried to re-live every moment I spent with Eric so that I could pinpoint the things that I did that made him gay. After that search, I blamed my husband and decided it probably was things he did or did not do that caused it. Later when I finally realized that neither my husband nor I had the power to make our son gay, I let the guilty feelings go. Instead I grew to realize that there is no choice or preference in being gay—that gay children are born that way, just as I was born left-handed. If you could persuade your mother that you also had no choice or preference in being gay, then I am sure in time she will also accept that and then she will no longer need to blame herself for feeling guilty.

Best Wishes,  
"Mom"

Dad Says: Dear Doris,

Parents are frightened and confused when they find out they have a gay child. Many times they feel if they take the blame that maybe it will go away.

This is a good time to sit down with your mom and quietly let her know that she did nothing to make you gay and that you were born gay and that is how you are... just like she is who she is.

There are some great books that you can suggest your Mom read. The best one that deals with the myths related to homosexuality is: *Beyond Acceptance* written by P-FLAG parents in Detroit.

Good luck,  
"Dad"

### Dear Parent Connection:

I'm 18 years old and I am having an affair with a man who is 47 years old. He is very loving and thoughtful and buys me little gifts which are just great.

My real problem is that my lover is my father's best friend and my father does not know about the relationship I am having with him. In fact, I have not even told my father that I am gay.

This is really a complicated problem—I'm really afraid to tell by father.

Please help!

Really need help,  
A.C.

Dad Says: Dear A.C.,

This is a tough one. I suggest that you go very slow—tell your father you're gay if you feel the time is right, but don't under any circumstances tell him about his best friend. That should come much later when he has accepted you and you feel he can go beyond this acceptance. Again, go real slow with this one!

Good luck,  
"Dad"

Mom Says: Dear A.C.,

Indeed you do need help—what a dilemma you're in. You must be so laden down with guilt and fear. I'm not too sure of my answer here and certainly invite the participation of our readers to write in their suggestions. Until then, I will give you mine. It seems to me that to tell this news to Dad all at once would be far too overwhelming. I think it should be done in increments. First, he needs to know you are gay and that needs to be done as soon as possible. Next of course, your relationship with his best friend needs to be discussed. I do not think you should do this alone, your lover should be there with you, because

he has to assume responsibility here as well as you. I know none of this will be easy and my heart-felt thoughts are with you. Please let me know what result there is if you follow my suggestions or even if you take other action.

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## High School Newspapers Include Condoms

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Insisting that "fear of the truth keeps us ignorant," student editors at Santa Cruz High School's weekly newspaper included rainbow-colored condoms in all 800 of its Wednesday, Nov. 27, issue.

"The time has come for student views and opinions to be recognized and respected by the adult community," wrote Ryan Coonerty and Dov Rothman, co-editors of "The Trident," in explaining their decision to include the condoms over the objections of school administrators.

The weekly student newspaper also included informational articles on teen pregnancies, birth-control, and sexually transmitted diseases - including AIDS - as well as the results of a detailed poll of the school's student body that concluded more than half had already had sex with another person.

Although the paper gets about \$1,200 in financial support from the school each year, Coonerty said no school funds were used for the condoms which he said were paid for by the parent of a former student whom he said wanted to remain anonymous.

Santa Cruz High Principal Terry Pearman said he met with Trident editors and the paper's adviser, Julie Minnis, after he learned

of the condom-insert plan and asked them not to include the prophylactics in the paper, not because he objects to the idea but because he fears possible legal repercussions. "We don't even hand out aspirin for fear of lawsuit," he said.

But Pearman declined to order distribution of the paper halted, citing First Amendment rights and said he "probably wouldn't discipline" the student editors because of their actions.

Reaction among the 1,300 students at Santa Cruz High appeared to be highly positive. Senior class president, Amy Jones, said several school classes dispensed with assigned work and spent the period discussing the condom distribution.

Jones, who will be attending a religious college after graduation, said, "I don't believe in sex before marriage. But 50 percent of the school is sexually active, and they need to be protected from diseases and pregnancy. Whatever your personal morality, it's about time we started being realistic."

School officials said there had been almost no calls from parents about the condom inserts, but because the newspaper came out the day before the long Thanksgiving Day weekend, they may not know what kind of community reaction it generates until classes resume Monday, Dec. 2. ▼

## Flight Attendants Say Delta Asked About Sexual Orientation

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

At least 300 Pan Am flight attendants claim that Delta Airlines has asked them illegal questions about their personal lives -

including questions about their sexual orientation—during interviews over the past few months following Delta's takeover of Pan Am's European routes.

Brian Moreau, president of the Independent Union of Flight Attendants said at least 300 union members had complained that they were asked about such things as their sexual orientation, roommates, marital status and use of prescription drugs during interviews with Delta as part of the transfer of the Pan Am routes to Delta.

Delta spokesman Neil Monroe denied any improprieties in its interview process of the some 2,000 former Pan Am attendants it hired when the airline acquired the new routes.

Moreau said it was not yet clear what action the flight attendants' union might take concerning the complaints. ▼

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### ▼ 21 - Saturday

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**Women's Flag Football**, Highlands Sport Complex, Tight Ends vs Bruised Belly Buttons, 10 am; Sharks vs Options, 11 am; Waves vs Hittin' Misses, 12 pm, Our Team Bye

**The Nutcracker**, (See Dec 19.)

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**Women's Flag Football**, Highlands Sport Complex, Tight Ends vs Hittin' Misses, 10 am; Waves vs Bruised Belly Buttons, 11 am; Our Team vs Options, 12 pm, Sharks Bye

### ▼ 31 - Tuesday

**New Year's Eve Gala**, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 60's music, \$97.50, Gourmet Dinner Menu, 985-6361.

**Annual New Years Eve Dinner & Dance**, sponsored by Bay Area Career Women, Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St, S.F., 7:30pm, 415-495-5393.

**New Year's Eve with Funny Gay Males**, stand-up comics, Josies CABARET and Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, S.F., 8&10pm, \$10, 415-861-7933.

**New Year's Eve Celebration**, straight & gay dance, Eastern Star Temple, 2719 K St., sponsored by Lambda Community Center, Sacramento County Green Party & Central America Action Committee., 8:30pm, tickets \$10, 447-7211.

## JANUARY

### ▼ 4 - Saturday

**Women's Flag Football**, Highlands Sport Complex, Sharks vs Bruised Belly Buttons, 10 am; Our Team vs Hittin' Misses, 11 am; Tight Ends vs Options, 12 pm, Waves Bye

### ▼ 9 - Thursday

**Business Alliance of Networking Gays**, general meeting, Joseph's Town & Country, 863-2518.

### ▼ 11 - Saturday

**Women's Flag Football Tournament**, Highlands Sport Complex

**"to the center"**, by Sandy Parris, I.D.E.A., 3414 4th Ave, Jan 11-Feb 22, Reception Jan 11, 7pm, lecture Feb 5 6pm., 452-0949.

**SACWN Joanne Loulan**, night of comedy, 447-7255.

### ▼ 13 - Sunday

**Godspell (audition)**, directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, 7pm, 449-7228.

## FEBRUARY

### ▼ 1 - Saturday

**Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '92 Contest**, sponsored by Sacramento Leather Association, Joseph's Town & Country, 8pm, proceeds to benefit W.E.A.V.E. and Hope House, tickets \$7 advance & \$10 at door, 391-8326 or 988-0920.

### ▼ 14 - Friday

**Winter Magic**, Sacramento Ballet, 8pm, 449-5181.

## MARCH

### ▼ 6 - Friday

**Godspell**, directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, 7pm, 449-7228.

### ▼ 7 - Saturday

**Godspell**, (See March 6.)

### ▼ 11 - Saturday

**"Camping Women"**, Apr 11-19, National Camping Women Desert Caravan Trip to San Felipe, Baja CA, 689-9326.

### ▼ 24 - Friday

**Romeo & Juliet**, Sacramento Ballet, 8pm, 449-5181.

### ▼ 25 - Saturday

**Romeo & Juliet**, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

**March On Washington**, April 25, 1993. Plan to be there!

## THEATRE

**"Say It With Music"**, Rosemary Clooney and Michael Feinstein, Dec 11-Jan 5, 8 pm, Curran Theatre, San Francisco, 415-956-4781.

**"Broadway Bound"**, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, thru Jan 12, 985-6361.

**Leesha Divar** (Singing, Comedy), Our Place, Thursday Nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, 649-8420.

**Neil Simon's Broadway Bound**, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre in Rancho Cordova, thru Jan 12, 985-6361.

## GALLERIES

**"Beyond the Java Sea: Art of Indonesia's Outer Islands"**, M.H. deYoung Museum, SF, thru Jan 1, 415-750-3636.

**Himovitz Miller Gallery**, "Creatures and Dolls", Beth Van Hossen, thru Dec 24, 550 Pavillions Lane, 925-5917.

**Spectrum Himovitz Gallery**, Pinkerton, Faulkner and Ayhens, thru Jan 4, 511 Harrison, San Francisco, 415-495-1113.

**Theatre in Revolution: Russian Avant-Garde Stage Design 1913-1935**, M.H. deYoung Museum, SF, thru Feb 16, 1992, 415-750-3636

**Joyce Abreu Gallery**, Will Kissmer, Christel Verhalen, Neil Korpi, Aquatine-Mezzotone-Enching Artist, 3712 Auburn Blvd, thru Jan 92.

**Crocker Art Museum**, Wed thru Sun., 10 am-5 pm. Extended hours Thurs til 9 pm 1421 K Street, 449-6711.

**Clayworks Group Show**, thru Dec. 20, University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, 278-6595.

**Clayton Pinkerton, Julian Faulkner, Olive M. Ayhens**, thru Jan 4, Spectrum Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison Street (At First), SF, 415-495-1113, Call for gallery hours, Artist Reception: Nov 6, 5:30-8 pm.



Soprano Ashley Putnam performs as Fusako Kuroda in the American premier of Hans Werner Henze's *Das Verratene Meer*.

### ▼ 14 - Monday

**Godspell (audition)**, (See Jan 13.)

### ▼ 15 - Tuesday

**Godspell (audition)**, (See Jan 13.)

### ▼ 15 - Saturday

**Winter Magic**, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

**SACWN Valentine Dance**, 447-7255.

## APRIL

### ▼ 5 - Sunday

**Tim Warford Memorial Bowlathon to "STRIKE OUT AIDS"**, sponsored by LAMBDA Community Center and Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Land Park Bowl, afternoon, 442-0185.



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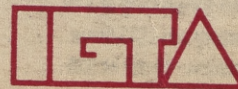
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